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# BIOGRAPHICAL

## SHERMAN S. DEATON.

Sherman S. Deaton, head of the law firm of Deaton, Bodey & Bodey, former prosecuting attorney for Champaign county, member of the Ohio state Senate, and for many years one of the best-known and most influential lawyers at Urbana, is a Hoosier, a fact of which he never has ceased to be proud, but has been a resident of Champaign county since the days of his young manhood and of Urbana since the year 1894. He was born in a little log cabin on a pioneer farm in Kosciusko county, Indiana, February 23, 1865, son of George W. and Frances (Fortney) Deaton, both natives of Ohio, whose last days were spent on their farm in Indiana.

George W. Deaton was born on a farm in Clark county, Ohio, October 16, 1833, son of William and Catherine (Leffel) Deaton, the former of whom was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, and the latter in Ohio, daughter of pioneer parents in Clark county. William Deaton's father, George Deaton, died in Virginia, at the age of thirty-six years, leaving his widow, Susan (Reams), with nine children. She was so bitterly opposed to the institution of slavery, the evil consequences of which she had seen so much in her home state, that she determined her children should not grow up amid the conditions entailed by that institution. Accordingly, she came with her children, William, Andrew, Nathan, Levi, George, Samuel, Susan, Mary and Martha, to this state and located in Clark county, where she spent the remainder of her life. Upon arriving in this part of the state the widow Deaton was practically without money and her sons at once started out to make a living for the family.

William Deaton, the eldest of these children, naturally became the mainstay of his widowed mother and he did well his part in the work of establishing the family in their new home. He became a farmer and saw-mill proprietor in Pike township and there married Catherine Leffel, member of one of the pioneer families of that neighborhood. His farm and mill were

located six miles north of New Carlisle and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their days, useful and substantial residents of that community. William Deaton died at the age of forty-four years. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, namely: George W., father of the subject of this biographical sketch; John, who died in 1916, at the age of eighty-one years; Calvin, who died in infancy; James, who is still living; Mary, who married Thomas Drake and is now deceased; Lydia, still living, wife of Dr. L. Baker; Susan, still living, wife of Henry Bright, and Elizabeth, also still living, wife of Ezra Drake.

Reared on the home farm north of New Carlisle, George W. Deaton grew to manhood there and married Frances Fortney, who also was born in Clark county, May 5, 1835. After his marriage he established his home on a farm in that county and remained there until 1863. In that year he disposed of his interests in this state and moved to Kosciusko county, in the northern part of Indiana, where he established his home on a pioneer farm and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. His death occurred on June 30, 1878; his widow survived him many years, her death occurring on December 12, 1894. They were the parents of eight children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the fifth in order of birth, being as follow: William Sabin, who died at the age of fifteen years; Jacob, who is living on the old homestead farm in Kosciusko county, Indiana; Mary Belle, who died in infancy; John E., a grain dealer at Sidney, Indiana; Dr. U. S. Grant Deaton, of Toledo, Ohio; Cyrus, a farmer in Kosciusko county; Indiana, and Charles, a merchant at Toledo.

Reared among pioneer conditions in Indiana, Sherman S. Deaton experienced all the joys and pleasures incident to farm life as it existed in Indiana at the close of the war. He cleared much swamp land, in which work he drove oxen, of which his father owned three yoke; he also bound wheat, following the cradle, and performed many of the arduous tasks which fell to the lot of the farmer of that period. He received his elementary schooling in the district schools and supplemented the same by the course given in the high school at Warsaw, the county seat of the home county. He then began teaching school, teaching during the winter months and going to school in the summer, attending a Methodist college at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. While attending the college, he lived as economically as possible, receiving food from home and doing his own cooking. He had two young friends, who were in the same financial straits as himself, and one of them, Harvey White-shield, a Cheyenne Indian, did the mending for them all. Their clothing, of the "hand-me-down" grade, was characterized by numerous patches, but

these discomforts did not deter them from their earnest purpose to secure an education. Mr. Deaton worked on Saturdays from seven A. M. to eleven P. M. in the fruit house of congressman J. B. White, for one dollar a day. At first he received only twenty dollars a month for teaching, but later was given better wages.

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Mr. Deaton was now twenty-two years of age and at this point of his life began the second chapter of his active career in the world. In 1887 he came to Ohio and began teaching in Jackson township in Champaign county, teaching during the winter time and attending the Northwestern Ohio Normal University at Ada. In all, he taught seven years in Champaign county and during four summers of this time (1887-90) he was in the normal school at Ada, giving particular attention to the study of law, to which profession he had decided to devote his life. In the summer of 1889 he began the systematic study of law under the able preceptorship of Judge E. P. Middleton at Urbana and on December 7, 1893, was admitted to the bar. He continued teaching the rest of that winter and in the following June opened an office at St. Paris for the practice of his profession.

The third chapter in the life of Mr. Deaton had opened. As soon as he was fairly launched in the practice he began to lay his plans for the nomination of prosecuting attorney of the county. He had been reared to manhood in Indiana and in that state politics plays an important part in every man's life. It is said, and truly so, that there is more politics in Indiana in proportion to its population than any other state in the Union. Under the influence of Hoosier politicians and schooled in their astute methods of maneuvering, Mr. Deaton secured the Republican nomination for prosecutor of Champaign county and was elected in the fall of that year by an overwhelming majority, receiving two thousand and twenty-five votes more than his opponent. His record in the office was such that he was re-elected in the fall of 1896, without opposition, leading the ticket in the county.

His entry into the political field via the office of prosecuting attorney induced him to make the race for a seat in the upper house of the General Assembly of Ohio in the fall of 1908. In order to secure the nomination he had to make a campaign in the counties of Champaign, Clark and Madison, these three counties constituting the eleventh senatorial district. He secured the nomination and was triumphantly elected in the fall of that year and served with such satisfaction to his constituency that he was re-elected in the fall of 1910 for a second term. He was an active member

in the Legislature and took a prominent part in the enactment of temperance measures.

Another point of interest in the career of Mr. Deaton was his appointment in June, 1901, by Gov. George K. Nash as a member of the Ohio state board of pardons, a position which he filled for four years. In January, 1895, Mr. Deaton became associated with the late George Waite in the practice of law, under the firm name of Waite & Deaton, which was terminated by the death of Mr. Waite on July 27, 1913. In December of the same year Mr. Deaton entered into a partnership with E. L. Bodey, under the firm name of Deaton & Bodey, and that arrangement continued until June, 1916, when Mr. Bodey's son, Lowell C., was admitted to the firm, which is now practicing under the name of Deaton, Bodey & Bodey, with offices on West Court street, across from the court house.

Mr. Deaton has been active in the councils of the Republican party for a quarter of a century. Even before reaching his majority, he was mingling with the politicians of Indiana, than whom there are no more skillful in the United States. From such men as Oliver P. Morton, Schuyler Colfax, Isaac P. Gray, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas A. Hendricks, Conrad Baker, "Blue Jeans" Williams and other renowned men of Indiana, Mr. Deaton learned his first steps in political affairs. He remembers distinctly the campaign of 1876, when Williams and Harrison were opponents for the governorship of Indiana. He was personally acquainted with the late Senator Shively, of Indiana, Albert G. Porter and Ira Chase, governors of the Hoosier state, William H. Calkins, congressman from the thirteenth district of Indiana, and many other of the most prominent men of the state.

While acting as chairman of the Champaign county Republican committee, Mr. Deaton came into contact with William McKinley, Hanna, Sherman and Governor Nash. He took a very active part in the election of Theodore E. Burton to the United States Senate when he was in the state Legislature. For thirteen years Mr. Deaton was a member of the Republican county committee, seven years of which he served as chairman. He was an alternate delegate to the Republican national convention at Chicago in 1912. As an orator Mr. Deaton ranks not only among the best in his own community, but is frequently called upon to make addresses in all parts of the state. His Decoration Day address in Urbana in 1917 was pronounced one of the best patriotic addresses ever heard in the city.

Mr. Deaton was married to Mabel West, December 23, 1898. Mrs. Deaton was born in Jackson township and is the daughter of George W. and Ellen (Breslin) West, both of whom also were born in that township.

Her parents were members of pioneer families in that part of the county, and spent all their lives there, her mother dying on March 5, 1916, at the age of fifty-nine years, and her father about five weeks later, April 13, 1916, at the age of sixty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Deaton have a pleasant home at Urbana on Lafayette avenue. They have always taken an earnest interest in the general social and cultural activities of the community. Mr. Deaton is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

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### CHARLES D. CONOVER.

The Hon. Charles D. Conover, of Urbana, twice representative from this county to the Ohio state Legislature and former speaker of the House of Representatives, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here nearly all his life. He was born on a farm in Salem township on March 21, 1881, son of Nicholas and Mary (Murphy) Conover, the former of whom was born in the state of New Jersey and the latter in this county, whose last days were spent at Bellefontaine, in the neighboring county of Logan.

Nicholas Conover was but a lad when his parents came to Champaign county from New Jersey and settled on a farm in Salem township. There he grew to manhood and married, starting farming operations on his own account in Salem township. He later moved to the adjoining county of Madison, but after a brief residence there moved to Logan county and began farming in the Middlesburg neighborhood, but presently returned to Salem township, this county, and was there engaged in farming until his retirement and removal to Bellefontaine, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in February, 1905. His widow survived him for more than twelve years, her death occurring on April 20, 1917. They were the parents of five children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the fourth in order of birth, being Clarence, Edgar, John and Mattie.

Charles D. Conover's early schooling was received in the district schools of Salem township and in the high school at Middlesburg, after which he for some time was in attendance at the Ohio State Normal at Ada and at Ohio Wesleyan University. Upon leaving college Mr. Conover became engaged in teaching school and was for ten years thus engaged, seven years of which time was spent as superintendent of the schools at Kings Creek,

there conducting the first consolidated township school established in Champaign county. Meanwhile, Mr. Conover had been giving considerable attention to the reading of law during his vacations and was also giving his close attention to local political affairs and the affairs of the state in general. In 1912 he was elected to represent this district in the state Legislature and his service in the succeeding session was so eminently satisfactory to his constituents and the public at large that he was re-elected in 1914 and in the following session was elected speaker of the House, the first time such an honor had ever been conferred upon a representative from Champaign county.

In 1903 Charles D. Conover was united in marriage to Florence Gail Stokes, daughter of George W. and Marie Elizabeth (Cowgill) Stokes, and to this union two children have been born, Richard and one who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Conover are members of the Methodist Protestant church and take a proper part in church affairs, as well as in the general social and cultural affairs of the community. Mr. Conover is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same. Politically, he is a Republican and has for years been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county and throughout this part of the state.

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### BISHOP S. E. ALLGYER.

The Rev. S. E. Allgyer, pastor of the Oak Grove Mennonite church in Salem township, this county, a Mennonite bishop, field worker of the Mennonite board of missions and charities in the United States and Canada and for years one of the best-known figures in that communion in this country, is a native of the old Keystone state, but has been a resident of this county since he was sixteen years of age. He was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1859, son of Joseph and Barbara (Zook) Allgyer, also natives of that state and earnest members of the Mennonite colony in Mifflin county, who came to this county in 1875 and settled on a farm in Salem township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Upon coming to Champaign county, Joseph Allgyer bought a farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres in Salem township and there established his home, farming there until his death in 1884. His widow survived him for about eighteen years, her death occurring in 1902. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are still living, but of whom the subject of



this sketch is the only one now residing in this county, he having three sisters, Mrs. Nancy Harshberger, Mrs. Hannah Mattler and Mrs. Joseph E. Zook, residing in the neighboring county of Logan.

S. E. Allgyer was about sixteen years of age when he came to this county with his parents from Pennsylvania in 1875 and his schooling was completed in this county. From boyhood he was an earnest student and in addition to his labors on the home farm, after he left school, he continued his studies, with particular reference to the work of the church, and in 1905 he was chosen by the congregation of the Oak Grove Mennonite church to serve them as pastor, and he was formally ordained to the ministry of the Mennonite faith. In that new relation he rendered such faithful and valuable service, that he soon began to attract the attention of the church at large and in 1908 he was created a bishop in the church at Oak Grove. In the meantime Bishop Allgyer had been continuing his farming operations on the home place and some time after the death of his mother bought the interests of his sisters in the place, becoming proprietor of the same. He not only is a good preacher, but an excellent farmer and as he prospered in his operations added to the home place until he became the owner of two hundred and forty-two acres of excellent land there. In 1912 Bishop Allgyer retired from the active labors of the farm and has since been devoting his undivided attention to the affairs of the church, his evangelistic labors calling him to all parts of the country, his services as bishop also taking him into Canada, and he thus has become one of the most widely recognized features in that communion in the country. The Bishop also is field worker of the Mennonite board of missions and charities, an international organization covering both the United States and Canada. His work consists of looking after the missions of the church and soliciting funds. The Mennonites have a strong organization at Oak Grove and during his active ministrations there Bishop Allgyer has done much to extend the cause of the church locally, as well as throughout the country at large.

On January 18, 1883, Bishop Allgyer was united in marriage to Priscilla Umble, daughter of Jacob and Barbara Umble, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and to that union eight children have been born, Eva May, Barbara E., Maude, J. Roy, Anna M., Ruth E., S. Maurice and John Mark. Eva Allgyer married N. E. Troyer and has two children, Luella and Raymond. Barbara E. Allgyer married Earl M. Yoder and has two children, Olive and Roy. Maude Allgyer married Daniel C. Yoder and has three children, Geneva, Richard and Marie. J. Roy Allgyer was graduated from the agricultural department of Ohio State University in 1917 and then was



chosen as instructor in agriculture in the schools at Plattsburg, Ohio, for the following school year. All the children have had good educational advantages and J. Roy and Barbara have taught school in their home township. The Bishop and his family have a delightful home and have ever taken a proper part in the general social and cultural activities of the community in which they live, helpful in many ways in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare thereabout.

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### DAVID McMORRAN.

The biographical section of this work will contain no more interesting account of any citizen of Champaign county than that of David McMorran, president of the Central National Bank at Paris, and who for many years engaged in general farming. He was born in Johnson township, this county, July 18, 1850, the son of Christian and Sarah (Loudenbach) McMorran. Christian McMorran was born in Jackson township, this county, and Sarah McMorran was born in Mad River township. Samuel T. McMorran father of Christian, was born in Scotland and came to the United States when a boy. He married in Indiana and some time later settled in Jackson township, south of St. Paris. He acquired large and valuable tracts of land, north and south of that place. Samuel McMorran was the father of five sons and one daughter, all of whom are now deceased. He was an active member of the Baptist church and rendered valuable services in many directions to the neighborhood in general.

Christian McMorran grew up in the vicinity where he was born and attended an old log school house. After his marriage he settled down on part of his father's farm. He finally accumulated an excellent farm of about six hundred acres of prime land and became prosperous in all his undertakings. He was the father of eight children, as follow: Ellen, who became the wife of Jason Kiser; David, the subject of this sketch; Barbara, the wife of Sebastian Nixon, and Simeon, born to his first marriage. By his marriage to Susan Loudenbach, he became the father of John P., of Johnson township; Stella, wife of O. P. Mitchell, Huntington county, Indiana; Mary, wife of William Heater, of St. Paris, and Abraham, deceased.

David McMorran was reared on a farm in Johnson township and educated in the common schools of the district. He remained at home until he was about twenty-one and then worked out at farming, being thus



*David . W . Herran & wife*



engaged for about two years. On October 26, 1873, David McMorran was united in marriage to Susan Norman, who was born in Johnson township on June 24, 1850, and who was educated in the common schools. About that time Mr. McMorran bought thirty-six acres of land, for which he paid three thousand six hundred dollars, going in debt for the purchase money and paying interest at the rate of ten per cent. for the debt. He later added ninety-eight acres to his original purchase and is now the owner of two hundred and seventy acres of prime land.

To Mr. and Mrs. McMorran three children were born, one of whom died in infancy, the others being, Dollie B., who became the wife of C. A. Wiant, of Johnson township, and Don, who married Pearl Perfect and now lives in Jackson township. The McMorran family are members of the Baptist church of St. Paris, of which Mr. McMorran has served as one of the deacons for several years and has always been active in church work. He is a Republican and has served as trustee of his township.

Mr. McMorran was one of the founders of the Central National Bank at St. Paris and helped to organize it. He was the first president, which official position he still holds. He is also a director in the St. Paris Grain Company and owns three business rooms in the same town. He is a stockholder in the National Insurance Company and is interested in other local business interests, also owning a half section of land in Texas.

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### ISAAC I. ARROWSMITH.

The late Isaac I. Arrowsmith, for years one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial farmers, who was living retired in the city of Urbana at the time of his death on November 13, 1913, was a native son of this county and was an honored veteran of the Civil War. He was born on a pioneer farm in Mad River township, February 6, 1844, son of Wesley and Susanna Arrowsmith. Wesley Arrowsmith was a farmer and mill owner, living four miles west of Urbana, and he and his wife were the parents of four children, those besides Isaac, the youngest, being Mary Jane, Elizabeth and Miller, all deceased.

Upon completing the course in the local schools, Isaac I. Arrowsmith took a course in a commercial college. Though but a boy when the Civil War broke out he enlisted for service in the Union army and served during the hundred-days service as a member of Company A, One Hundred and

Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He later became a farmer on his own account and on November 3, 1868, married Amanda J. Powell, daughter of James D. and Minerva (Hill) Powell, members of pioneer families in Champaign county and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. After his marriage Mr. Arrowsmith farmed the old Arrowsmith farm in Mad River township until 1909, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and he and his wife moved to Urbana, where he spent his last days, his death occurring, as noted above, in 1913, and where she is still living. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and has ever taken an earnest interest in church work. Mr. Arrowsmith was a Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but was not included in the office-seeking class. He was a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and took a warm interest in the affairs of that organization. As a member of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, he took an active interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization and in all ways did his part as a good citizen in the promotion of the best interests of the community in which he spent all his life.

To Isaac I. and Amanda J. (Powell) Arrowsmith two children were born, James I., living on the old home place in Mad River township, who married Bessie Craig and has one child, a son, Marion Powell Arrowsmith, and Minerva A., who married Jesse Lewis, living on the old Powell homestead, and has two children, Emma Jane and Charles Richard Lewis.

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### DUNCAN BURTON McDONALD.

The late Duncan Burton McDonald, former treasurer of Champaign county and for many years one of the best-known merchants at Urbana, who died at his home in that city in the summer of 1915 and whose widow is still living there, was born in that city and there spent all his life, an important factor in the commercial and political life of the community, even as his father before him had been. He was born on April 7, 1844, son of Duncan B. and Hester (Heylin) McDonald, both of whom were born in this state, the former in Ross county and the latter in Urbana, members of pioneer families, and whose last days were spent in Urbana, the latter dying in 1887 and the former in 1891.

Elsewhere in this volume, in a memorial sketch relating to the senior

Duncan B. McDonald, who for many years was one of the leading merchants of Urbana, there is set out at considerable length the history of this branch of the McDonald family in America and the reader is referred to that narrative in this connection, it being sufficient here to state that the senior Duncan B. McDonald was a son of Archibald and Margaret (McDonald) McDonald, natives of Scotland, the former born in Glencoe and the latter in Sutherland, who were married in this country and became early residents of Ohio, settling on the banks of Paint creek, in the vicinity of the present city of Chillicothe, in Ross county, about the beginning of the past century, and it was there, in that pioneer home, that Duncan B. McDonald was born in 1802. Archibald McDonald was born in 1759 and was but a boy when he came to the American colonies with his parents, William and Elizabeth (Douglas) McDonald, also natives of Scotland, born in Sutherlandshire. Though but sixteen years of age when the colonists began their war for independence, Archibald McDonald shortly afterward enlisted his services in behalf of the patriots and served in that cause until the end of the war. When eighteen years of age, in 1820, Duncan B. McDonald entered upon his commercial career at Urbana, as a clerk in the store of Marcus Heylin, whose daughter he later married, and he presently became a part owner of the store, later, in association with his brothers, William and Colin McDonald, establishing the dry-goods store, which came to be the leading mercantile establishment in Urbana. Marcus Heylin, father of Hester Heylin, mother of the subject of this sketch, was one of the early merchants of Urbana and in the days of the beginning of his commercial activities there, his place was one of the most popular Indian trading posts in this whole region.

Reared in Urbana, Duncan Burton McDonald received his schooling in that city and upon leaving high school entered his father's mercantile establishment and was for a short time there engaged, but after awhile decided to take up farming as a vocation and with this end in view began farming on a quarter of a section of land south of Urbana and was thus engaged for several years, at the end of which time he disposed of his farming interests and moved to Muncie, Indiana, where he became engaged in the grocery business. Several years later he returned to Urbana and opened a grocery store on "the Square" and there continued actively engaged in the grocery business until his retirement from business thirty years later. In the meantime he had been elected treasurer of Champaign county, serving in that public capacity for five years. Not long after his retirement from office he



sold his store and the rest of his life was spent in quiet retirement, his death occurring in July, 1915, he then being in the seventy-second year of his age. During the Civil War Mr. McDonald participated in the hundred-days service as a member of Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the affairs of which organization he took a warm interest. Politically, he was a Republican and by religious persuasion and inheritance was a Presbyterian, for years serving as a deacon of the local congregation of that church.

In 1866 Duncan Burton McDonald was united in marriage to Laura E. Lamme, who was born in Bethel township, in the neighboring county of Clark, daughter of William A. and Eliza (Harr) Lamme, the former of whom was born in that same township and the latter in Urbana, a daughter of Daniel Harr, a pioneer tavern-keeper at Urbana, his tavern having been located on the present site of the postoffice in that city, but who later moved to Springfield. David Harr was a son of James Harr, a soldier of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. William A. Lamme was a son of John and Sarah Lamme, natives of Virginia, the former of whom took part in the War of 1812, serving in Hull's army, and who became pioneers of Clark county, this state. William A. Lamme continued farming in Clark county until the death of his wife, after which he made his home with his children, his death occurring at the home of a daughter in Chicago. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom but three are now living, Mrs. McDonald having a sister, Caroline, living at Portland, Oregon, and a brother, Edwin H. Lamme, a successful lawyer at San Diego, California.

To Duncan B. and Laura E. (Lamme) McDonald were born two sons, Robert Heylin and William Lamme, the latter of whom died years ago. Herbert H. McDonald married Helen James, of Memphis, Tennessee, and has two sons, Clarence Heylin and James Duncan. Clarence H. McDonald married Isabel Wagar and has one child, a daughter, Elizabeth Wagar. James D. McDonald married Irene Gardner. Since the death of her husband Mrs. McDonald has continued to make her home at Urbana, where she is very pleasantly situated. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and has ever taken an interested part in the work of the church, as well as in the general good works and social and cultural activities of her home city, she and her husband having been helpful in promoting such movements as were designed to advance the common welfare of the community.



## GRIFFITH ELLIS.

The late Griffith Ellis, who for years was one of the best-known merchants and public men at Urbana, who died at his home in that city in the fall of 1912 and whose widow is still living there, was a native of the principality of Wales, but had been a resident of this country since the days of his boyhood, the greater part of his life having been spent at Urbana, where he entered upon his successful business career at the age of sixteen years. He was born in the year 1830 and when ten years of age came to the United States with an uncle, who settled on a farm in the vicinity of Columbus, this state.

When he was sixteen years of age Griffith Ellis was offered a position as a clerk in the old Gwynn mercantile establishment at Urbana and accepted the same, his residence at Urbana dating from that time. Displaying an unusual aptitude for business, two years later he was given a partnership in the firm and several years later became the sole owner of the store, which he continued to operate for a short time and then sold out and went to New York City, where he became engaged in the wholesale shoe business. A few years later Mr. Ellis returned to Urbana and there opened a merchant-tailoring establishment, which he continued to operate until his election to the office of county treasurer of Champaign county in 1880. He served the public in that important capacity for four years and was then elected clerk of court, a position he occupied for six years. Mr. Ellis was a staunch Republican and for many years was regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this state. He voted for John C. Fremont, the Republican party's first nominee for President, and ever after took an active part in the affairs of the party, serving for some time as chairman of the Champaign county central committee. Governor Foster appointed him a member of the board of governors of the Ohio state penitentiary and he also served for some time as financial officer of the state institution at Dayton, later returning to his established home at Urbana, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in November, 1912. At one time Mr. Ellis was nominated by the congressional convention as the Republican candidate for Congress from this district, but he declined the nomination. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church at Urbana, a York Rite Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1857 Griffith Ellis was united in marriage to Jane Hoge Woods, daughter of Robert T. Woods and wife, of Urbana, and to this union nine

children were born, of whom five are still living, namely: Mrs. Jennie E. Gibbons, of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Miss Sophia R. Ellis, a teacher of Latin in the Brooklyn high school for girls at Brooklyn, New York; Griffith Ogden Ellis, of Detroit, Michigan, publisher of the *American Boy*, a popular magazine for juveniles and in which company he owns the controlling stock; Miss Melvina K. Ellis, of Urbana, and Mrs. Louise R. Inslee, a member of the faculty of the Emma Willard School for Girls at Troy, New York.

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### HENRY M. PEARCE, M. D.

Dr. Henry M. Pearce, of Urbana, former county physician and city health officer and for years the local surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was born in Urbana and has lived there all his life, continuously engaged in the practice of his profession there since receiving his medical degree in 1890. He was born on December 20, 1868, son of Dr. Henry C. and Sarah Jane (Morgan) Pearce, the former of whom for many years was one of the best-known physicians and medical instructors in the state of Ohio.

The late Dr. Henry C. Pearce, who died at his home in Urbana on December 2, 1891, also was a native son of Champaign county, born on a farm in Union township, on April 10, 1833, son of Harvey C. and Beulah (Barrett) Pearce, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families. Harvey C. Pearce was born in 1805, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Collins) Pearce, who were among the very earliest settlers of Champaign county. Thomas Pearce, a soldier of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War, moved from New York State to Maryland after the war and later came to Ohio and settled in the then wilds of Champaign county, he and his wife becoming influential pioneers of the new community and here spending the rest of their lives. Harvey C. Pearce grew to manhood on the pioneer farm on which he was born and married Beulah Barrett, who also was born in this county, in 1809, a daughter of Capt. Abner Barrett, one of the very early settlers of Champaign county, who later served as an officer during the War of 1812. For some time after his marriage, Harvey C. Pearce continued farming and then moved to Urbana and was for many years thereafter engaged in the shoe business in that city, the rest of his life being spent there, his death occurring in 1891. His wife had preceded him about six years, her death occurring in 1885. Harvey

C. Pearce took an active interest in local civic affairs and for some time served as justice of the peace in his home township. He was a duly licensed "local" minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and was widely known hereabout as a preacher of convincing power. To him and his wife eight children were born, Henry Clay, Lucas E., Abner B., John W., William Raper, Mary E., Richard S. and Harvey C.

Henry Clay Pearce received his elementary schooling in the local schools and at the age of twenty turned his attention seriously to the study of medicine, under the preceptorship of Doctor Carter and later under Doctor Dawson, and thus duly prepared for entrance to college entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, from which institution he was graduated in 1863, though for five years previously he had been engaged in practice during vacations at Mutual, this county. In 1864 he opened an office for the practice of his profession at Urbana and ever afterward regarded that as his established home, though for many years much of his time was spent in Columbus as a medical instructor. From 1866 to 1874 Doctor Pearce served as professor of physiology and microscopic histology in Starling Medical College and then, for a period of seventeen years, served as professor of obstetrics and surgical diseases of women in Columbus Medical College. For many years he was an active member of the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association and in 1866 was appointed local surgeon for the Pennsylvania Company, a position he held until his death, the longest period of such service on the records of that company. For nineteen years the Doctor was a member of the local school board at Urbana, and for more than a half century he was a consistent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Henry C. Pearce was twice married. In 1854 he was united in marriage to Sarah Jane Morgan and to that union five children were born, namely: Laura Etta, who married C. E. Macher, of Piqua; Ella, who married George E. Lee and is now deceased; Charles W., of Urbana; Henry M., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch, and a daughter, who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1872 and in the following year Doctor Pearce married Binnie A. Keller, daughter of William Keller, former mayor of Urbana, and to that union two sons were born, Dr. Frank C. Pearce, deceased, and William K., who died at the age of twenty-two years. The elder Doctor Pearce was a Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight Templar and for years took a warm interest in Masonic affairs in this state.

Henry M. Pearce received a practical education in the schools of his

home city and early entered upon the study of medicine under the able preceptorship of his learned father. Thus prepared for college he entered Starling Medical College in 1887 and on March 4, 1890, was graduated from that institution, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thus equipped for the practice of his profession, Doctor Pearce engaged in practice at Urbana, in association with his father, and has ever since remained in that city, long regarded as one of the leading practitioners in this part of the state. In addition to his general practice he has served for twenty-five years as local physician and surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. For eleven years he served as county physician and also for some time in the capacity of city health officer. The Doctor is an active member of the Champaign County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association and in the deliberations of these learned bodies takes a warm interest. He is a York Rite Mason and takes an active interest in Masonic affairs; he is past master of Champaign Masonic lodge and is past commander of Raper Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party. For six years he served as member of the school board, of which he was president for one year.

In 1890 Dr. Henry M. Pearce was united in marriage to Anna M. Sleffel, a native of Australia, and to this union two children have been born, Linda Etta and Edwin Clay. Doctor and Mrs. Pearce are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works and social and cultural activities of their home town.

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### JOHN PRINGLE NEER.

John Pringle Neer, one of Champaign county's most substantial farmers and landowners, an honored veteran of the Civil War, and former member of the board of county commissioners, now living retired at Urbana, where he has extensive banking and manufacturing interests, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Concord township on April 27, 1842, son of Joseph and Margaret Susan (Monroe) Neer, early settlers in that section of the county, whose last days were spent on their farm there.

Joseph Neer was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, August 7, 1804, and there grew to manhood, remaining there until after he had attained his majority, when, in 1826, he came over into Ohio, locating near Catawba,





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working as a cabinet-maker. He returned to Virginia then in 1831 and bought a tract of school land in Concord township. He set about clearing and improving the same, early becoming recognized as one of the most substantial and influential pioneers of that section. That pioneer farm is now held by the subject of this sketch. Joseph Neer was also a wagon-maker by trade and did considerable work in that line in early days, as well as a good deal of carpentering in the neighborhood of his home. On November 10, 1835, nine years after he came to this county, Joseph Neer married Margaret Susan Monroe, who was born on November 27, 1819, daughter of David Monroe and wife, who came to this county from Virginia in pioneer days, and after his marriage he established his home on his Concord township farm. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church and ever took an earnest part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community in which they lived. Mr. Neer originally was a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party espoused the principles of the same and cast his vote for John C. Fremont. His death occurred on January 26, 1869, and his widow survived him for more than ten years, her death occurring on October 8, 1880. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: David C., a successful farmer in Allen county, Kansas; Ann F., who is now living at Bakersfield, California, widow of James W. Ellis; Eliza M., who died in southern Colorado on October 6, 1875, wife of Judge Joseph Van Offenbacher, who died at Washington, D. C., in January, 1895; Martha J., who died on September 16, 1870; Nathan A., a retired farmer now living at Pasadena, California; Sallie C. living at Los Angeles, widow of Lowell T. Clemans; Joseph T., who married Lydia A. Bricker and is a well-known farmer in Concord township, this county; Mary F., wife of Charles W. McMaster, of Los Angeles; Samuel J., a fruit grower at Green River, Utah; Elizabeth, who died in infancy, and James M., a farmer and stockman in Cowley county, Kansas.

John P. Neer was reared on the old home farm in Concord township, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood, and was nineteen years of age when the Civil War broke out. On August 19, 1862, then being but twenty years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a private in Company H, Forty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being mustered into the service at Camp Chase at Columbus, and served with that command until he was mustered out with the rank of first lieu-

tenant at Camp Harker in Tennessee, June 12, 1865, the war then being over. Mr. Neer's first promotion in the ranks was to the position of corporal of his company, later to sergeant and then to orderly sergeant, serving with that rank until he received his commission as first lieutenant. During his long period of service he was a participant in some of the heaviest engagements of the war, including the battles of Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Pine Mountain and Lovejoy Station. One of the first engagements in which he took part was the battle of Dutton Hill, Kentucky, and he also took part in the pursuit of General Morgan, the Confederate cavalry raider, through Indiana and Ohio. On October 20, 1863, he was a participant in the battle of Philadelphia, Tennessee, in which his regiment lost, in killed, wounded and missing, one hundred and sixty-eight men. Later the regiment served in the campaign in eastern Tennessee and on November 15 of that same year, at Holston River, lost one hundred and one men, including five officers. In an engagement two days later, November 17, they had a brisk encounter with the forces of General Longstreet. In that latter engagement Mr. Neer was shot through the lungs and was taken to a hospital, being unable to join his regiment until after the siege of Knoxville. From Tazewell, Tennessee, he then went with his regiment to Cumberland Gap and thence on to Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, where he remained about a month, in command of a detail left to guard the town; returning thence to Tennessee by way of Knoxville, he finally proceeded on with the regiment to take part in the Atlanta campaign and was present at the siege of Atlanta.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Neer returned to his home in this county and resumed his place on the home farm. After the death of his father, in 1869, he purchased from the other heirs the greater part of the old homestead and continued to farm the same, gradually adding to his land holdings until he now is the owner of six hundred and eighty acres of well-improved land. In addition to his general farming Mr. Neer for years gave considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock and did very well. In 1881 he and a party of men went to England and Scotland and imported a number of fine horses. Some years ago he retired from the farm and moved to Urbana, where he since has made his home. Mr. Neer is an ardent Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local political affairs. From 1885 to 1891 he served as a member of the board of county commissioners and in other ways has contributed of his time and his abilities to the public service. He is vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the City National Bank of Urbana, is



FARM HOME AND BARN OF JOHN P. NEER.



connected with the Mammoth Furniture Company of that city and is also a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Urbana Packing Company.

In 1899 John P. Neer was united in marriage to Ida M. Goble, of Brooklyn, New York, a daughter of Ira and Catherine (Burke) Goble, and who died on April 5, 1911. Mr. Neer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and for years has been active in church work. He is a member of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and is now serving his fifth term as commander of the same, for years having been one of the most active members of the local post of that patriotic order.

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### WILLIAM R. WARNOCK.

The Hon. William R. Warnock, a distinguished veteran of the Civil War, former congressman from this district, former state senator, former judge of the court of common pleas, former prosecuting attorney for this county and for many years one of the best-known lawyers in this part of the state, now living practically retired at Urbana, was born in that city and has lived there all his life. He was born on August 29, 1838, a son of the Rev. David and Sarah A. (Hitt) Warnock and a grandson of the Rev. Samuel Hitt, who in 1809 had settled on a farm that is now included within the corporate limits of Urbana.

The Rev. David Warnock was a native of Ireland, born on February 14, 1810, who came to this country when he was eighteen years of age, in 1828, and who completed his education at Strongsville Academy, in the vicinity of Cleveland, this state. In 1832 he became a member of the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and spent the rest of his life in the gospel ministry, one of the best-known clergymen of his communion in Ohio, his long pastorate having included charges at Urbana, Bellefontaine, Sidney, Delaware, Circleville, Zanesville, Columbus, Cincinnati and other places. In 1837, at Urbana, he married Sarah A. Hitt, who was born there, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Hitt, one of the pioneers of Champaign county and a man of large influence in his generation, and ever after regarded Urbana as his established home, though the itinerary of his ministry kept him much of the time in other cities throughout the state. The Rev. David Warnock and wife were the parents of nine children.

William R. Warnock was reared at Urbana and received his schooling

in the schools of that city and at Ohio Wesleyan University, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1861, in the meantime having taught school, devoting his leisure to the study of law. In the summer of 1861, just after leaving the university, he recruited a company for service in the Union army to put down the rebellion of the Southern states, and in July, 1862, was commissioned captain of a company attached to the Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and a year later was promoted to the rank of major. In December, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and was mustered out with that rank in August, 1865.

Upon the completion of his military service Colonel Warnock returned to his home in Urbana and there resumed his law studies, under the preceptorship of Judge Corwin, and in May, 1866, was admitted to the bar, immediately thereafter forming a partnership with George M. Eichelberger and engaging in the practice of his profession at Urbana. In the summer of 1868 he married and established his home at Urbana, which ever since has been his place of residence. In 1872 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Champaign county and in 1876 was elected to represent this district in the state Senate. In the fall of 1879 he was elected judge of the court of common pleas and by successive re-elections was kept on the bench for ten years, or until 1889. In the fall of 1900 Judge Warnock was elected to represent this district in Congress and two years later he was re-elected, thus serving as congressman from this district from March 4, 1901, to March 4, 1905; in the meantime, while not engaged in the performance of his official duties, continuing the practice of his profession. Since retiring from Congress, however, Judge Warnock has been living practically retired from professional life, though still often consulted in an advisory capacity by his younger confreres of the bar. During the many years of his active practice Judge Warnock was connected with many of the important cases tried in the courts of this district and the reputation he won at the bar entitled him to recognition as one of the ablest lawyers Champaign county has produced during its history of more than a hundred years. Politically, Judge Warnock is a Republican; by religious persuasion, a Methodist; and, fraternally, is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and is a Scottish Rite Mason, one of the few thirty-second degree Masons in Urbana.

On August 20, 1868, Judge Warnock was united in marriage to Kate Murray, of the neighboring county of Clark, and to this union were born three children, Clifford, Ann Catherine and Elizabeth. He represented the Methodist Episcopal conference at Cincinnati, at Chicago, Baltimore, Los



Angeles and Minneapolis. He is commander of the Loyal Legion, commander of the department of the Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, for many years, and trustee of the Ohio Wesleyan University for twenty-five years.

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### JOHN S. LEEDOM.

In the historical section of this work there is set out at length an account of the services rendered to this community by the late John S. Leedom, who has been referred to as probably the most brilliant lawyer Champaign county has ever produced and whose participation in the public affairs of this county, including his service during the period of the Civil War, for many years exercised a potent and a wholesome influence upon all phases of local activity which his talents touched; so that at the time of his death, in the spring of 1899, there was general and sincere mourning throughout this entire section of the state.

John S. Leedom was a native of the old Keystone state, born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1825, son of Thomas and Ann (Stockton) Leedom, both also natives of Pennsylvania, who were married in that state and continued to make their home there until 1828, when they came over into Ohio and located on a farm in the neighborhood of St. Paris, in this county, where they established their home and where and at St. Paris they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that section. Thomas Leedom and wife were the parents of seven children. Upon his retirement from the farm Thomas Leedom moved to the village of St. Paris, where his last days were spent.

John S. Leedom was but two or three years of age when his parents came to Champaign county and he therefore was a resident of this county all of his active life. Reared on a farm in the vicinity of St. Paris, he received his early schooling in that village and upon completing the course there began teaching school and was thus engaged for several years, meanwhile pursuing the course of study in the old Springfield Academy; after which he entered Indiana State University at Bloomington, Indiana, for the purpose of completing his law studies, which he had begun under Gen. John H. Young at Urbana, and was graduated from the university in the early fifties, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Upon receiving his diploma Mr. Leedom returned to Urbana, where he was admitted to the bar and where he engaged in the practice of his profession, in association

with General Young; later forming a partnership with James Taylor and upon the dissolution of that partnership became a partner of Jesse Lewis, which latter mutually agreeable arrangement continued unbroken until his death on April 19, 1899. The story of John S. Leedom's connection with the bar of Champaign county and of his services as county attorney and in other capacities of a public character is given elsewhere in this work, and the same therefore need not be enlarged on here, only to say that in all his service to the public and his practice in the courts, this brilliant lawyer ever had the common good at heart and his influence ever was exerted on the side of the right. During the progress of the Civil War, Mr. Leedom was a member of the Home Guard, popularly known at that time as the "Squirrel Hunters," and from the very beginning of the struggle between the states took an active part in the work of recruiting, influencing many young men to go to the front in behalf of the Union cause. Politically, he was a Democrat and for many years was regarded as one of the leaders of that party, not only in Champaign county and throughout this immediate section, but throughout the state, and his voice in the councils of his party was not without weight.

In October, 1852, at Piqua, this state, John S. Leedom was united in marriage to Louisa J. Furrow, born on February 9, 1831, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Furrow, and to this union four children were born, Anna Lawrence, Elizabeth, Louisa and Charles, of whom Miss Louisa Leedom, of Urbana, is now the only survivor. Anna Lawrence Leedom died in infancy and Charles Leedom died at the age of five years. Elizabeth Leedom (deceased), who was the wife of Joseph Perkins, had two children, Leedom Perkins and one who died in infancy.

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### JOSEPH A. HOOLEY.

Joseph A. Hooley, one of Champaign county's progressive farmers and the proprietor of a fine farm in Salem township, where he and his family are comfortably situated, has been a resident of this county for the past fourteen years and during that time has made many friends here. He was born on a farm in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1854, a son of John C. and Elizabeth (Hartzler) Hooley, both natives of that county, who spent all their lives there, earnest and industrious members of the large Mennonite connection in that place. John C. Hooley was a substantial

farmer and a great lover of fine horses, for many years making a specialty of raising Percherons. He and his wife were members of the Mennonite church and their children were reared in that faith. Mr. and Mrs. Hooley, after more than fifty years of married life, died in the same month in 1893, Mrs. Hooley dying on April 8, of that year and her husband on April 26. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the tenth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Leah, who married Jacob Kauffman and spent her last days in Indiana; Mary, who married Jacob Zook and who, as well as her husband, died in Mifflin county; Catharine, who is still living in that county, widow of Peter King; David H., a farmer, who died in Indiana; Lizzie, who is still living in Mifflin county, widow of D. H. Zook; Rachael, who married E. A. Zook and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Levi, a retired farmer, now living at Fairview, Michigan; Sarah, unmarried, who is still living on the old home place in Mifflin county; S. M., who is now managing that place, and Fannie, unmarried, who also continues to make her home there.

Until his marriage, at the age of twenty-six years, to Kate Hooley, daughter of David K. and Fannie (Hartzler) Hooley, both deceased, who was also born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, Joseph A. Hooley made his home on the old home farm, a valuable aid to his father in the labors of the same, and after his marriage he set up housekeeping and began farming in that county on his own account, remaining there until 1904, when he came over into Ohio and settled in this county, buying the Jacob A. Yoder farm of one hundred acres in Salem township and there establishing his home. Since taking possession of that place he has made numerous important improvements to the same and now has one of the best-kept farms and pleasantest homes in that neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooley have ten children, namely: U. S., who is now farming at Elverton, Oregon; Christ C., who finished his schooling at Goshen, Indiana, married Mrs. Laura Williams and is now farming in the neighboring county of Clark; Minnie, who is at home; Bessie, who completed her schooling at Goshen, Indiana, and married Milton King, of Logan county, this state; Mary, a teacher, who attended school at Goshen, Indiana, for two years after her graduation from the local high school; John, at home; Mabel, who was graduated from the Kings Creek high school, took a supplementary course at Goshen, Indiana, and taught school for a couple of years; Sarah, at home; Andrew, who was graduated from the Kings Creek high school and is now attending college at Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Timothy, who is at home, engaged in operating the farm for his

father. Mr. and Mrs. Hooley have ever been warm advocates of higher education and their children have been given excellent opportunities in that direction. The family have taken a proper interest in the general social activities of their home community since taking up their residence in this county and have done their part in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare throughout that part of the county. They are members of the Oak Grove Mennonite church and take an earnest interest in the various beneficences of the same.

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### JOHN FRANCIS BRAND.

John F. Brand, a native and life-long resident of Champaign county, belongs to that group of citizens who do not hold themselves so close to the daily round of their duties that they cannot see what is going on around them. Man does not live unto himself alone, and the man who sees in his fellow citizens something of interest, something which they do for the good of the community as well as himself, is the man who makes for a better citizenship.

Such a man is John F. Brand. Born in Union township on June 18, 1848, the son of Major Joseph C. and Lavinia (Talbot) Brand, he has made his home in Urbana since he was three years of age. He has been a witness to the city's growth for more than half a century and in this growth he has borne a prominent part. Beginning with a year's service in the Civil War when he was sixteen years of age, he has been active in business down to the present time, a period of fifty-four years.

His education was secured in the public schools of Urbana and Urbana University. In 1863—and he was only fifteen years of age at the time—he became assistant engineer in the construction of the Atlantic & Great Western railroad, now known as the Erie railroad. The following year he became clerk in the commissary department of the United States army and served in this capacity until July, 1865. During this time he saw service in Virginia and Georgia and in a number of other states. After resigning he returned home and began clerking in a dry goods store, but soon became associated with his father and brother in the grocery business. But he was not satisfied to settle down to the humdrum career of a grocer at the early age of nineteen.

The year 1868 found him in Indianapolis, where he was private secre-



JOHN F. BRAND.



tary to the superintendent of the Merchants' Union Express Company. A year later he returned to his home in Urbana and became connected with the *Citizen and Gazette* in the capacity of bookkeeper and compositor. For ten years he remained with the paper and during this decade he arose from one position to another until he became local editor and, eventually, business manager of the paper. In 1879 he retired from the newspaper and for a few years engaged in the retail grocery trade, with stores at Urbana and Bellefontaine. When W. H. Marvin came to Urbana Mr. Brand became associated with him in the establishment of a wholesale grocery company. The business was later incorporated as the W. H. Marvin Company and Mr. Brand maintained his connection with the company until 1905. He still retains a substantial financial interest in the firm and serves on the board of directors.

For many years Mr. Brand had been a stockholder and director in the Western Mutual Fire Insurance Company and upon his retirement from active service with the Marvin company he became general agent for the insurance company. Later he was elected treasurer of the company and in 1915 was elevated to the presidency. The company has made substantial progress since he became connected with it in an official capacity in 1905.

Mr. Brand has been and still is identified with other commercial enterprises of the city. He is a director in the Champaign National Bank and the Urbana Telephone Company. In all his business connections, from his boyhood days to the present, he has never failed to bear his part in the life of the community about him. He could always be counted on to assist in everything which was advanced with the idea of bettering his city and his county. In all things he has been a public-spirited citizen, never forgetting that we are an interdependent society, not neglecting to give of his time and ability to the general welfare of those about him.

In his desire to live up to the highest standards of modern society he has not neglected the fraternal, social or religious factors of our life. He is a member of the Masonic order, a past master of the local lodge, past eminent commander of the commandery, and a member of the Scottish Rite of the thirty-second degree. He is a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church and has been a member of its official board for more than thirty years.

Mr. Brand was married on December 1, 1870, to Fannie E. Patrick, a daughter of Evan B. Patrick. To this union have been born four children, Charles, Elizabeth, Ella and Joseph E.

Charles, the eldest son, was born November 1, 1871, and was educated



in the local schools and later attended Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. While attending high school he managed a fruit business of his own during the summer time and evinced unusual business qualifications for a boy of his age. After leaving college he engaged in the grocery business at Richwood, Ohio, for a time and later became connected with the W. H. Marvin Company as a buyer and salesman. He has now retired from active service with the company, but still retains a financial interest in it. For a number of years he has engaged in farming in the county on an extensive scale, and now owns and controls one thousand acres of land in the county. He is one of the largest farmers in the county and gives his personal attention to all of the details connected with his extensive agricultural interests. He was married on November 28, 1894, to Louisa J. Vance, daughter of Major A. F. Vance.

Joseph E., the youngest son, was born July 5, 1888, and educated in the public schools and Urbana University. In 1905 he went to New York City and engaged in a wholesale grocery and brokerage business for a short time and later located in Chicago, where he was similarly engaged until 1909. He then returned to Urbana and became secretary of the W. H. Marvin Company, in which capacity he is still serving. He was married on May 22, 1913, to Helen Bucher, daughter of John E. Bucher.

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#### L. E. BROWN.

L. E. Brown, familiarly known to his friends by his middle name, Eugene, one of the editors and proprietors of the *St. Paris News-Dispatch* and a partner with W. W. Wiant in the publication of that newspaper, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Johnson township, a little more than two miles northwest of St. Paris, October 11, 1874, a son of A. J. and Alice (Jackson) Brown, the former of whom was born on that same farm and the latter in the state of Indiana, whose last days were spent on the old home place in Johnson township that had been settled by Eugene Brown's grandfather back in the early thirties and which is still in the possession of the family.

A. J. Brown was born on that pioneer farm on November 21, 1837, and was the son of John and Nancy Brown, of German stock, who came up into this county from Montgomery county, they having previously been located for awhile in the Dayton neighborhood, and established their home

in Johnson township, not far from the Miami county line, in the early thirties. They were of the Lutheran faith and their children were instructed in the tenets of the same. There were fifteen of these children, of whom the father of the subject of this sketch was the tenth in order of birth. A. J. Brown grew up on the paternal farm in Johnson township and after his marriage established his home there and there he and his wife spent their last days. His wife was Alice Jackson, who was born in Benton county, Indiana, July 8, 1846, daughter of Abraham and Susanna Jackson, both of English stock, who had moved from New Jersey to Indiana and in the latter state died when their daughter, Alice, was but a child. The latter, thus orphaned, came to Ohio to join kinsfolk in this county and grew to womanhood in Jackson township, where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Brown, February 25, 1869. After their marriage they took up their residence on the Brown farm and there established a fine home, for many years being regarded as among the leaders in all good works in that part of the county. Mr. Brown was a Democrat and took an active part in local political affairs and became an influential citizen. He died on May 20, 1916, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. His wife had preceded him a little more than five years, her death having occurred on January 22, 1911, she then being in the sixty-fifth year of her age. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are living, namely: Frank, of St. Paris; Eugene, the subject of this sketch; Clement, who is engaged in the seed and grain business at St. Paris; Ross, who is living on and operating the old home place in Johnson township, and Zella, who is living at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Eugene Brown was reared on the home farm, receiving his elementary education in the district school in the neighborhood of that place and supplemented the same by a course in the St. Paris high school from which he was graduated in 1893. He prepared himself for teaching, but did not follow that vocation; instead, taking a position as a clerk in a grocery and drug store at St. Paris and was thus engaged until the year 1901, when he and W. W. Wiant formed a partnership and engaged in the job-printing business at St. Louis. After the consolidation of the *News* and the *Dispatch* Messrs. Brown and Wiant felt that there would be room for another paper at St. Paris and in 1906 they established the *Press*. Two years later, in 1909, they took over the *News-Dispatch* and have since conducted that newspaper, which is widely circulated throughout the eastern part of the county and in those sections of the neighboring counties of Miami and Clark, within a trading radius of St. Paris. They have made important additions to the

equipment of the printing plant since purchasing the newspaper and have one of the best-equipped newspapers and job-printing establishments in this part of the state. Mr. Brown is a Democrat and has served as a member of the St. Paris school board.

On September 17, 1902, Eugene Brown was united in marriage to Anna Jones, daughter of William and Mary (McMorran) Jones, and to this union has been born one child, a daughter, Genevieve A. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Baptist church and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home town, helpful in advancing all worthy causes there. Mr. Brown is a member of St. Paris Lodge No. 344, Knights of Pythias, and is past chancellor commander of the same.

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### GWYN T. GORDON.

Gwyn T. Gordon, of Urbana, one of Champaign county's most substantial landowners, was born at Chillicothe, this state, March 17, 1855, son and only child of Rufus Hartley and Nancy (Tompkins) Gordon, the former of whom was born in Ross county, this state, not far from Chillicothe, and the latter in Lexington, Kentucky, and the former of whom is still living, now a resident of the state of Texas.

Rufus Hartley Gordon grew to manhood in his home county, receiving his schooling there, and early entered upon a mercantile career, beginning as a clerk in a hardware store, but shortly becoming interested in the firm and after some years of business activity in this state moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he became engaged in business in that same line, as a member of the W. M. Wyatt Hardware Company, and was thus engaged until his retirement from business some years ago. He is now making his home at Palestine, Texas, at a ripe old age.

Gwyn T. Gordon was but a child when his father moved from this state to St. Joseph, Missouri, and in the latter city he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city, and early became familiar with the details of the hardware business in his father's store and after awhile engaged in the hardware business on his own account in Nebraska, later moving to Kansas and after some years of business activity in the latter state went East and was engaged in business in Connecticut until 1894, in which year he returned to his native state and located at Urbana, where he has since resided, engaged in the management of several fine pieces

of farm property he has acquired in the neighboring counties of Union and Logan.

On October 26, 1881, Gwyn T. Gordon was united in marriage to Mary H. Blickensderfer, who was born near Erie, Pennsylvania, daughter of Nathan and Mary Catherine (Canfield) Blickensderfer, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Foster Twichell and died in 1914, leaving one child, a daughter, Mary, who is now living with her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon. The Gordons have a very pleasant home at Urbana and take a proper interest in the general social activities of that city. They are members of the Episcopal church and take a warm interest in church work and in other local good works.

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#### F. A. PENCE.

B. F. A. Pence, one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial farmers and stockmen and the proprietor of the celebrated "Shadeland Stock Farm" in Jackson township, two and one-half miles southwest of St. Paris, on the Carlisle and Quincy road, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Johnson township, in the house in which his father also was born, July 17, 1845, son of Allen and Sarah R. (Riker) Pence, who were for years regarded as among the leaders in that part of the county.

Allen Pence was born on a pioneer farm, the place now owned by B. F. Pence, three miles east of St. Paris, January 29, 1819, a son of Isaac Pence and wife, the latter of whom was a Wiant, who came to this county from Virginia in the early days of the settlement of this section of Ohio and here spent their last days, useful and influential pioneers of Johnson township. Isaac Pence was twice married and by his first wife had six children, Alexander, Allen, Isaiah, Emanuel, Eliza and Mary, all now deceased. After the death of the mother of these children he married Martha Brown and to that union were born seven children, B. F., James E., John E., Isaac, Charles, Jason and Jennie. Reared on the farm on which he was born, Allen Pence was from the days of his boyhood well trained in the ways of farming, and after his marriage to Sarah R. Riker continued to make his home on the old home place for several years, at the end of which time he moved to a farm one-half mile south of St. Paris, established his home there and there spent the remainder of his life, coming to be regarded as the fore-

most citizen of that neighborhood, the owner of seven hundred acres of land and a leader in all public movements. He was one of the first agitators in behalf of better roads in that part of Champaign county and the early gravel-road movement had a powerful champion in him. For nine years he was a member of the County Fair board, vice-president of the association for some time, and did much to promote the interests of agriculture in this county. Politically, he was a Democrat and for some time served as treasurer of his home township. He died on October 29, 1895, and is buried in the Spring Grove cemetery, the beautiful burial ground, the location of which was first proposed by his wife, who died in 1885, and is also buried there. Allen Pence and wife were the parents of eight children, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being George W., a farmer in Jackson township; Winfield S., now a resident of Virginia; Elizabeth, wife of J. C. Martin, of Dayton, Ohio; Amanda, widow of J. G. Lear Smith, of St. Paris, and Lottie, wife of Wilson Baker, of Urbana. The two deceased members of this family were Mary, who married James Wiant, and Elnora, who was the wife of T. P. Kite.

B. F. A. Pence was about three years of age when his parents moved from the old Pence place in Johnson township to the farm on the outskirts of St. Paris, and on this latter place he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the village schools. From the days of his boyhood he was an active assistant in the labors of the farm and early became not only a good farmer, but an excellent judge of live stock and an intelligent fancier of good horses. He remained on the home farm until after his marriage in the summer of 1867, he then being somewhat under twenty-two years of age, and on March 10, 1868, moved onto the farm on which he is now living—beautiful "Shadeland Stock Farm," southwest of St. Paris, and has ever since made his home there, he and his family being pleasantly and comfortably situated. Mr. Pence is the owner of three hundred and twenty-eight acres of splendid land and has one of the best farm plants in the southwestern part of the county. He has long given his particular attention to the raising of fine live stock, with particular reference to fine horses and made two trips to Europe for stock to import to his farm, English Shires and Cleveland Bays being his specialty. As was his father, Mr. Pence ever has been an ardent champion of public improvements and has done much to help promote the material development of the county. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of St. Paris and is also a stockholder in the Central National Bank of that place. Politically, Mr. Pence is a Democrat and is now serving as trustee of his home township.

On June 12, 1867, B. F. A. Pence was united in marriage to Josephine R. Hill, who was born in Brown township, in the neighboring county of Miami, July 12, 1848, daughter of John and Hannah Hill, and to this union four children have been born, two of whom died in infancy, the others being Georgia M., who studied art in the Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware, and is now the wife of George Cox, of Oberlin, this state, and Blanche E., also an artist, who has done some fine wood carving and who is at home with her parents. The Pences have a very pleasant home at "Shadeland" and have ever given their proper attention to the general social and cultural activities of the community in which they live, helpful in many ways in promoting movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare thereabout.

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### WILLIAM W. LOVETT.

William W. Lovett, a well-known farmer and the owner of eighty acres of prime land, living in Adams township, Champaign county, was born in that township on May 24, 1871. He is the son of Joshua and Mary A. (Calland) Lovett, the former of whom was born in Adams township and his wife, who is the daughter of Joseph Calland, was also born in Adams township. Joshua Lovett was a son of Isaac Lovett.

Joshua Lovett and his wife settled on a farm in Adams township, where he farmed in a general way for many years and there they spent the rest of their lives, worthy citizens, respected by all who knew them. They were active members of the United Brethren church and earnestly interested in all its good works. He was a Republican in politics, but had never been a seeker after office. Joshua Lovett was the father of the following children: William W., the subject of this sketch; Samuel K., a farmer living in Logan county, Ohio; Watson, also of Logan county; Joseph, of Logan county; Jennie, wife of Charles Rosier, living in Shelby county, Ohio, and Minnie, wife of Charles Reeder, of this township.

William W. Lovett attended the district schools of his home neighborhood and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old. Two years later, on October 4, 1894, he was united in marriage to Laura Miller, who was born in Adams township in 1876; she is the daughter of John and Eliza Miller and was educated in the district schools and in Jackson Center schools. Mr. and Mrs. Lovett are the parents of two children, Atta, who was graduated from the Rosewood high school, and Jessie. The



Lovett family are members of the Christian church at Careysville, Ohio, Mr. Lovett being one of the trustee members of the official board, and he and his wife and children are warmly interested in all good works of the church and neighborhood.

Mr. Lovett is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. His party elected him justice of the peace in and for Adams township, in which office he served for four years. He is interested in the cause of education and served as a member of the school board for some time. He is a member of Rosewood Lodge No. 253, Independent Order of Foresters, and takes much interest in the affairs of that organization. He has a business interest in the feed mill and store at Careysville, Ohio, and was actively connected with the store at Careysville, Ohio, for six years, and in all these interests, as well as in the general affairs of the community, he gives of his time and energy without stint.

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#### DENNIS J. SWEENEY.

One of the most promising of the skilled artisans and mechanics of Urbana during the past generation was the late Dennis J. Sweeney, a plumber by trade. He was born at Covington, Ohio, October 8, 1872. He was a son of John and Julia Sweeney, both natives of Ireland, from which country they immigrated to the United States when young and they were married in this country. They subsequently moved to Darke county, Ohio, where they established the family home and lived until 1881, when they removed to Piqua, this state, spending the rest of their lives there. They had a large family, Dennis J. of this memoir, being the second in order of birth.

Dennis J. Sweeney grew to manhood in Piqua and there attended the public schools, and when a young man he took up the plumber's trade, at which he became an expert. When twenty-one years old he located at Greenville, Ohio, where he followed the plumbing business three years with success. Seeking a larger field for the exercise of his talents, he came to Urbana in 1896 and was employed in the plumbing trade by a Mr. Steinbarger until 1902, giving his employer loyal, prompt and satisfactory service in every respect. He saved his earnings and upon severing his connection with Mr. Steinbarger he engaged in the plumbing business for himself, which was successful from the start. He built up one of the largest plumbing establishments ever known in Urbana. He carried a full line of up-to-





DENNIS J. SWEENEY.



date plumbing material and equipment and maintained a large and modern shop, where all kinds of repair work in this line were promptly and skillfully done. He took many large contracts and turned out some big jobs, doing the plumbing work on many of the best modern homes and business blocks and public buildings in Urbana and other parts of Champaign county.

Mr. Sweeney was married in 1893 to Flora Conrad, a daughter of Silas S. and Kesiah (Barns) Conrad. To this union five children were born, namely: Rhea, Margaret, Harold, Owen, and Denise. They are all single and live at home with their mother.

Mr. Sweeney was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was an independent voter. He belonged to the Catholic church at Urbana, in which he was a trustee and active in church affairs.

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### J. T. MIDDLETON.

J. T. Middleton, a former teacher in the schools of St. Paris and since 1914 assistant cashier of the First National Bank of that city, is a native of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the city of Urbana on December 1, 1884, son of Arthur N. and Allie L. (Taylor) Middleton, the latter of whom is still living at St. Paris.

Arthur N. Middleton was born on a pioneer farm near the village of Cable, in Wayne township, this county, son of John and Mary (Macomber) Middleton, who came to this state from Kentucky and were among the pioneers of the eastern part of this county. He grew to manhood on the farm there and as a young man was for some years engaged in teaching school, in the meantime giving his leisure to the reading of law and after his marriage began the practice of law in Urbana and was thus engaged at that place until his death on December 23, 1889. His widow, who still survives him, was Allie L. Taylor, born on a farm in Mad River township, this county, June 2, 1861, daughter of Darius and Barbara (Zimmerman) Taylor, the former of whom was born on that same farm, son of Benjamin and Sarah Taylor, who came to this county from Virginia, driving through in a covered wagon, and settled on the farm in Mad River township, where Mrs. Middleton was born. She later married D. E. Kite, of St. Paris. Her mother, Barbara Zimmerman, also was born in that township, a daughter of John and Barbara (Costenborder) Zimmerman, the former of whom also

was born in Mad River township, the son of German parents, and the latter of whom was but three years of age when she came to this county from Germany with her parents, the family coming to this county and settling in Mad River township. To Arthur N. Middleton and wife four children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Lulu, who died at the age of six years; Blanche M., wife of L. D. Ward, of Mad River township, this county, and Henry A. Middleton, the latter of whom is now a student in the School of Theology of the Boston University. Henry A. Middleton was graduated from the Cable high school, in the meantime having given his serious attention to the study of law, and then entered the Ohio State University, where he continued his law studies and was afterward engaged in the practice of his profession at Columbus for three years, at the end of which time he decided to take up the gospel ministry and with that end in view entered the School of Theology of the Boston University, where he is now pursuing his studies to that end. He married Myrtle Johnson, of Wayne township, this county.

J. T. Middleton was but five years of age when his father died and he was reared on a farm in Mad River township, completing his studies in the high school at Westville. When little more than a boy he began teaching school in the district schools of Johnson township and was thus engaged there for four years. He then, when twenty-one years of age, was engaged as a teacher in the graded schools of St. Paris and has since made his home in that city. After teaching there for five years and six months his services were engaged as a bookkeeper in the First National Bank of St. Paris, and he began his connection with that bank in December, 1913. A year later he was made assistant cashier of the bank and has since been serving in that capacity. Mr. Middleton is a Republican and takes an active interest in political affairs.

On March 31, 1906, J. T. Middleton was united in marriage to Hazel A. Adlard, who was born at Bellefontaine, this state, daughter of William and Clara (Stinson) Adlard, but who spent her girlhood in Mad River township, this county, where her father was engaged in the milling business. To this union five children have been born, namely: William A., John, George E., Clara Elizabeth and Richard H. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton are members of the First Baptist church and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Middleton is past chancellor commander of St. Paris Lodge No. 344, Knights of Pythias, and has also served as county deputy and as lodge

deputy in that order. He is also past noble grand of St. Paris Lodge No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the Knights of Khorassan, and in the affairs of these several organizations takes a warm interest.

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### CHARLES H. GANSON.

The history of Urbana would not be complete without mention of the late Charles H. Ganson, whose life was closely connected with many phases of the county's life for a long period of years. He was honored and respected by everyone who knew him, and was recognized as a leader in every enterprise to which he directed his attention. His every effort was in the direction of better citizenship and whatever he did was done with a view to the improvement of the general welfare of the county honored by his residence.

Charles H. Ganson was born at Urbana on October 19, 1836, and died in that city on October 9, 1916, he then lacking but ten days of being eighty years of age. He was a son of William H. and Amulette F. (Toxey) Ganson, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, he of Chester county and she of Lancaster county. William H. Ganson was married in Pennsylvania and a year later he and his wife made the long overland journey to Urbana, where they spent the remainder of their lives, with the exception of four years spent on a farm in this county. William H. Ganson for a time after coming to this county was engaged in farming, but later turned his attention to carriage building in Urbana. During the Civil War he was a Democrat, but afterward he aligned himself with the Republican party. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Her death occurred in 1847 and he survived her more than thirty years, his death occurring in 1881. They were the parents of five children, namely: Charles H., the subject of this review; William M., a resident of the state of Illinois; Benjamin, living in Urbana; Anna E., also a resident of Urbana, widow of Horace Happersett, and Emma, also a resident of Urbana, widow of Mathew Weaver.

Charles H. Ganson was reared in Urbana and on the farm where his parents lived for four years. He was given the best education the local schools afforded and remained at home until he moved to Mason county, Illinois, at the age of twenty. A year later he was elected justice of the peace and became a leader in the life of the community in which he located.

He remained in the West for ten years, being engaged in farming most of that time. In 1866 he returned to the city of his birth and joined his father in business, Major Thomas McConnell being his partner for thirty years. He was also associated with his brother, B. F. Ganson, at different times and was a member of the firm of C. H. Ganson & Company at the time of his death in 1916.

Mr. Ganson's most absorbing interest was agriculture and he gradually acquired extensive land holdings in Ohio and Illinois; but to whatever enterprise he gave his attention, he always gave it his individual attention. Thus he became known as one of the leaders in financial circles in the county, not only because of his keen discernment and indefatigable industry, but also because of his honorable methods of handling wide interests. He proved his deep interest in agricultural affairs by freely giving his services; for forty years as president of the Champaign County Agricultural Society, for ten years as president of the Mad River and Miami Fair Circuit and as vice-president and later as president of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture. In his official position as the head of these organizations, Mr. Ganson did everything in his power to stimulate agricultural affairs. Nor was Mr. Ganson's life solely devoted to his private affairs. He took an interested and active part in the public life of the city of his birth. Politically, he was a Republican and served his party and his city as a member of the city council for a number of years. While he made an enviable record during his five years on the city council, it was as mayor of the city of Urbana that he left a reputation for service that has never been excelled in the city. For sixteen years he was at the head of the city's affairs. He served for a number of years and then, after an interval of two years, was re-elected and continued in office until 1898, retiring from office with the confidence and good will of the entire community.

On October 8, 1856, Charles H. Ganson was united in marriage to Jane Rewalt, of Canton, Illinois, a daughter of Major Jonas and Dieda (Robins) Rewalt, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and of Indiana, who were married in Indiana while it still was under a territorial form of government and later moved to Illinois. Major Rewalt served in the Black Hawk War during the forties and during the Civil War served with the Seventh Illinois Cavalry. He came of fighting stock, his ancestors having fought in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812. Major Rewalt served in the Legislature of Illinois during the time Abraham Lincoln was a member of that body and was otherwise active in county and state affairs in that state. Originally a Whig, after the formation of the Republican

party, he gave his allegiance to the new party. He died on December 22, 1882. His wife had preceded him to the grave, her death occurring in October, 1878.

To Charles H. and Jane (Rewalt) Ganson two children were born, Emma Amulette and Jonas Randolph, both of whom are living, the former the wife of Theodore W. Cook, a retired banker, who for thirty years was connected with the Society for Savings at Cleveland, Ohio. Theodore W. Cook was born and educated in Cleveland, a son of Rev. Charles A. Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have three sons, Charles Ganson, Theodore Kenyon and Robert, all of whom are now (1917) in college. Charles Ganson Cook is a student at Harvard, where he is finishing the work preparatory to taking a doctor's degree. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Western Reserve University, while Robert Cook is taking his first-year work at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Jonas Randolph Ganson, only son of Charles H. Ganson and wife, was educated at the University of Urbana and for nineteen years has been connected with the Society for Savings at Cleveland. He married Clara Shumway, which union has been without issue. In closing this sketch of Charles H. Ganson, it should be added that he was an ardent Swedenborgian and gave as generously of his time to his church service as to civic affairs, and also was for fourteen years a trustee and treasurer of the Urbana University schools.

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### SAMUEL CLEM.

Samuel Clem, one of Salem township's best-known and most substantial farmers, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on the farm one-half mile south of where he now lives, a part of the large estate his father accumulated there, January 24, 1879, son of David and Romelia (Peery) Clem, the former of whom was born in this county and the latter in the state of Virginia, who are now living retired in Urbana.

David Clem was born on a pioneer farm in Johnson township, this county, September 30, 1836, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Crabill) Clem, who came to this county from Virginia in 1829 and settled on a farm in Johnson township, where they remained until 1853, when they moved to a farm west of St. Paris, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Isaac Clem was a son of David Clem, who was born in Virginia, son of a German immi-



grant who came to this country in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The second David Clem grew up in Johnson township, receiving his schooling in the local schools and after farming for awhile took up the shoemaker's trade and for six years was engaged in that trade in St. Paris. He then bought a farm near Millerstown, in Johnson township and about a year later bought a hundred-acre farm lying in Johnson and Adams townships, where he remained for four years, at the end of which time he sold out and moved to Missouri and bought a farm in Davis county, that state. Not finding conditions to his liking there he sold out and returned to Champaign county and bought a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres in Urbana township, five years later buying a farm of three hundred acres in Salem township, where he established his home. As he prospered in his affairs he added to his land holdings until he became the owner of over one thousand acres of land, continuing his active operations until his retirement and removal to Urbana, where he and his wife are now living. In 1876 David Clem was united in marriage to Romelia Peery, who was born in Virginia, daughter of George and Margaret (Hensley) Peery, and to this union six children were born, those besides the subject of this sketch being Joseph, Pearl, Ivan, Blanche and Grace, the latter of whom died in infancy.

Reared on the home farm in Salem township, Samuel Clem was educated in the public schools and supplemented the same by a course in the Lima Business College, after which he returned home and renewed his farming operations in association with his father. After his marriage in 1911 his father set off to him one hundred and sixty-six acres of the home place and there he established his home and has continued to reside, being the proprietor of one of the best-kept and most profitably cultivated farms in that neighborhood. In addition to his general farming Mr. Clem feeds about fifty head of hogs annually and is doing very well in his operations. His farming is carried on along modern lines and his place is equipped with up-to-date appliances for the most successful agriculture. Mr. Clem is a Democrat and takes a proper interest in local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

In 1911\*Samuel Clem was united in marriage to Florence Lackey, who was born in Virginia, daughter of Horatio Lackey and wife, who came from that state to this county and settled on a farm, and to this union three children have been born, Lucile, Melvin H. and a baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Clem have a pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they reside.

## W. L. HUNT.

W. L. Hunt, cashier and a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of St. Paris, this county, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life, with the exception of about two years spent in Chicago, where he gained his initial experience in the banking business. He was born in the village of Carysville, in Adams township, this county, September 11, 1877, son of Dr. H. B. and Mary J. (Leedom) Hunt, both of whom were born in the neighboring county of Shelby and who are now living at St. Paris, which has been their place of residence since 1892.

Dr. H. B. Hunt, one of the best-known physicians in the western part of this county, was born on a farm south of the village of Palestine, in Shelby county, this state, November 18, 1846, son of Justus T. Hunt and wife, who had come to Ohio from Connecticut in pioneer days, first locating in Butler county and coming thence on up into this part of the state and settling in the Palestine neighborhood in Shelby county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. There H. B. Hunt grew to manhood. He early turned his attention to the reading of medicine and in due time entered the Cincinnati Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1874. In that same year he married Mary J. Leedom, who was born at Palestine on April 19, 1850, daughter of Dr. J. J. and Mary Jane (Johnson) Leedom, who had come to this state from Bucks county, Pennsylvania, settling at Palestine, where for years Doctor Leedom was engaged in the practice of his profession, a typical practitioner of the "old school," and the first of the Leedoms of that line to settle in this part of Ohio. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Hunt came over into Champaign county and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Carysville, in which village he established his home and where he remained until 1892, in which year he moved to St. Paris, where he and his wife are now living. The Doctor is a Republican, and ever since he came to this county has taken an earnest interest in local political affairs. He is past noble grand of the Odd Fellow lodge at St. Paris and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization. Doctor and Mrs. Hunt have two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Dr. V. W. Hunt, a dentist, of Piqua, this state.

Upon completing the course in the schools at Carysville, W. L. Hunt entered the Ohio State University and was there two years. He taught school in this county for three years and then went to Chicago, where he

worked as a clerk in the Continental and Commercial National Bank of that city and was thus engaged there for eighteen months, at the end of which time he returned to St. Paris and became a clerk in the First National Bank of that city, with which institution he ever since has been connected. Some time after entering that bank he was promoted to the position of assistant cashier and held that position for ten years, or until in January, 1914, when he was elected cashier of the bank and has since then been serving in that capacity. Mr. Hunt is also a member of the board of directors of the bank and has for years given his attention to the affairs of the same. The First National Bank of St. Paris was organized in 1880 and renewed its charter in 1900. Its present officers are as follow: President, I. P. Kiser; vice-president, Frederk Black; cashier, W. L. Hunt; assistant cashier, J. T. Middleton, and the board of directors, in addition to the above-named officers, include Miles Bodey, of St. Paris; J. M. Birkhold, of Rosewood, and J. W. Kiser, Jr., of Chicago.

On November 28, 1901, W. L. Hunt was united in marriage to Elma Kizer, daughter of I. P. and Asenath (Cary) Kizer, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Pauline L. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have a very pleasant home at St. Paris and take an interested part in the social activities of the city, helpful in promoting all worthy causes. Mr. Hunt is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

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### MRS. SARAH A. BOWERS.

Mrs. Sarah A. Bowers, one of Urbana's oldest and best-known residents and widow of George W. Bowers, was born in that city on July 20, 1840, a daughter of James M. and Christina (German) Steward, natives of Pennsylvania, who located at Urbana in 1838 or 1839 and there spent their last days. James M. Steward was a saddler and harness-maker by trade and upon locating at Urbana worked at that trade for some time, later becoming employed as a carriage-trimmer in the carriage shop of Warren & Gaumer and was thus engaged until his death, one of the best-known residents of that city. He was a member of the Lutheran church and his wife was a Methodist. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Bowers was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: James G., now deceased, who was a building contractor at Urbana



MR. AND MRS. JAMES M. STEWARD.



and was later engaged in the same line in Colorado and Kansas; Mary J., also now deceased, who married Conrad Marshall and moved from Urbana to Illinois and thence to Kansas; Daniel W. Steward, a well-known veteran of the Civil War and a carpenter at Urbana, who married Susan Skyles; Kate E., widow of John Wood, of Kansas, she being now a resident of Chicago; William Steward, a veteran of the Civil War, now living retired at Urbana, who married Martha Taylor, and Charles Steward, a carriage-trimmer, now living at Cleveland, this state.

Sarah A. Steward received her schooling in the schools of Urbana and for four years after completing her schooling was engaged in teaching school. In the meantime her eldest brother, James G. Steward, had gone to Colorado and upon the death of his wife there he sent for his sister Sarah to come out and take care of his children. It was while she was living there that she met George W. Bowers, a veteran of the Civil War, whom she married in that state, March 28, 1882. George W. Bowers was born at Lewisburg, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1836, a son of William and Hester Bowers, both natives of that same county. William Bowers was a hotel-keeper at Lewisburg and also conducted a meat market there. He died there when his son George was fifteen years of age, leaving his widow and three children. The widow afterward married William Freeman, an Englishman, and moved with the latter to Waukegan, Illinois, where she spent the remainder of her life. George W. Bowers accompanied his mother to her new home, having, at Waukegan, learned the trade of cabinet-maker and carpenter. During the Civil War he returned to Pennsylvania and served for ninety days as a member of the Two Hundred and Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After awhile he went West, working at his trade, and was presently sent to Colorado by a Chicago bridge company to build bridges in that state, and while thus engaged worked in many places in the West. For six years after his marriage to Sarah A. Steward, Mr. Bowers continued to make his home in Colorado and then returned to Waukegan, where his mother was still living, and in the vicinity of that city became successfully engaged in farming, being thus engaged at that place until his death, on October 28, 1902, he then lacking one month of being sixty-six years of age. Mr. Bowers was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Waukegan, in the affairs of which patriotic organization he took a warm interest, and was also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Not long after the death of her husband Mrs. Bowers disposed of her

interests in Illinois and returned to her old home at Urbana, where she since has made her home and where she is very comfortably situated, having a very pleasant home at No. 324 East Church street. Mrs. Bowers is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the various beneficences of which she takes a warm interest, as well as in the general good works of the community at large, and her gentle influence ever is exerted in behalf of community betterment. Her memory is excellent and her recollection of events covering the period of her girlhood in Urbana and particularly of some of the stirring incidents of ante-bellum days there and of her service as a school teacher in this community many years ago throw some most interesting sidelights on that period in the development of Urbana and of Champaign county.

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#### ALVIN J. BRIGHT.

Alvin J. Bright, one of the best-known lawyers in Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life, with the exception of six years spent in the practice of his profession at Dayton, this state. He was born on a farm in Jackson township, August 6, 1868, son of Henry and Susan (Deaton) Bright, the former of whom was born on that same farm and there spent all his life and the latter is still living, now a resident of Christiansburg. Henry Bright was born on February 2, 1832, son of pioneer parents and was reared on the farm on which he was born and after his marriage established his home there, later buying from the other heirs of his father's estate one hundred and four acres of the home place, to which he afterward added an adjoining tract of forty-three acres and became one of the substantial farmers of his neighborhood. On that place he spent his last days, his death occurring on September 9, 1902. He and his wife were the parents of two sons, Alvin J. Bright having a brother, Dr. William E. Bright, a well-known physician and surgeon at North Hampton, down in Clark county.

Reared on the home farm in Jackson township, Alvin J. Bright received his early schooling in the local schools of that neighborhood and later took a course in the scientific department of the State Normal School at Ada, after which for five years he was engaged in teaching school. Meanwhile he was giving much of his leisure time to the study of law and presently entered the law department of the State Normal at Ada and was graduated from the same in 1900, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For some



time he maintained his law office at Christiansburg and then, in 1901, went to Dayton, where he opened an office for the practice of his profession and where he remained for six years, at the end of which time he returned to Christiansburg and has since resided there, he and his mother making their home together. In addition to his law practice and his official duties Mayor Bright looks after the interests of his late father's estate and finds himself a pretty busy man. He is a Republican and has for years given his close attention to the civic affairs of his home town and township and of the county at large. For some time he served as justice of the peace in and for Jackson township and is now the mayor of Christiansburg, to the duties of which important office he is giving his most intelligent attention. He is a Royal Arch and York Rite Mason, a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 226, Free and Accepted Masons, at Christiansburg, of which he is past worshipful master, and of the chapter at St. Paris and the commandery at Troy, and takes a warm and active interest in Masonic affairs.

Adam Bright, cousin of Alvin J., of Christiansburg, came here about the time the railroad was built in the county; he was a large farmer, owning one thousand acres of land near here. He built the elevator and was one of the prominent men of these parts.

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### CLAUDE C. BATDORF.

Claude C. Batdorf, a prominent and successful farmer and stockman, stockholder in several commercial enterprises, living on route 3, St. Paris, Champaign county, was born in Jackson township on February 15, 1871, a son of David and Amelia (Walborn) Batdorf, the former of whom was born in Johnson township, this county, on September 20, 1841, and the latter in the same township on May 22, 1843, both of whom were farming people.

David Batdorf was a son of Samuel and Susanna (Neff) Batdorf. David Batdorf and his future wife, Amelia Walborn, were reared in Johnson township and attended the public schools. They were married in 1857 and shortly afterward settled on a farm lying south and east of St. Paris, and are living there at the present time, practically retired from the labor of the farm. During his active life David Batdorf was an industrious and progressive farmer and was generally regarded throughout this part of Champaign county as a successful agriculturist. Mr. and Mrs. Batdorf are

members of the Methodist Episcopal church at St. Paris and are warmly interested in all its good works, and have always given their support to every worthy purpose in the community in which they have been residents so long and where they are esteemed as good citizens and sincere friends. They were the parents of three children, two of whom are living in 1917. Iola M. and Claude C. Iola M. is a graduate of the St. Paris high school and later attended a normal school, after which she taught school for one year. She married Grant Kizer and they are living two and one-half miles north of St. Paris. They are the parents of two children, Tillie and Alta, both of whom are graduates of the St. Paris high school. The elder is a teacher in high school and the other is a teacher in the schools of Concord township.

Claude C. Batdorf was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools, which he attended up to the age of fifteen, at the end of which time he went to the high school at St. Paris for two years. At the age of twenty-five he was united in marriage to Mattie Pence, who was born on August 1, 1868. Their marriage took place on September 23, 1896. Mrs. Batdorf is the daughter of Amos and Clarinda (Browning) Pence, the former of whom was born in Mad River township on May 24, 1822, and died on January 23, 1904, and the latter was born in Union township on March 20, 1838, and is now in her eightieth year, vigorous mentally and enjoying good health. They were the parents of eight children, two, an infant and Lizzie, being dead; the others are Ella, wife of Scott Kite, of Mad River township; Joseph M., a farmer in the same township; Emma, the wife of Fernando Ward; Victoria, who married Albert Berry, of Mad River township; Jennie, who married W. H. Batford, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mattie, the wife of Claude C. Batdorf. Mrs. Batdorf was reared on a farm in Mad River township and was educated in the Myrtle Tree school, which she attended until she was seventeen years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Batdorf two children were born, Clara, A., born May 2, 1902, and died January 23, 1904, and Geneva A., born on November 23, 1906. The Batdorfs are members of the Baptist church at St. Paris and are earnest and active participants in all church work. He served as trustee of the Myrtle Tree church for several years. Mr. Batdorf is a supporter of the Democratic party and served in the offices of trustee and treasurer. He was elected treasurer of Jackson township and served from 1898 to 1904. He was then elected a trustee and served four years in that office, and his last candidacy resulted in being again chosen in 1915 as treasurer of the township, which office he still holds. In all these offices and in a

great many other ways, Mr. Batdorf has given evidence of his practical interest in township and county affairs. He is a member of the Champaign county agricultural board, having been elected in 1915, and to that board and also to the affairs of the farmers institutes he gives freely of his time, energy and advice, being among the most prominent supporters of these valuable institutions, established for the benefit of the farmers of the community.

On his farm in Jackson township Mr. Batdorf has his eighty-acre tract given over to general farming and stock raising. He breeds registered Percheron horses and all his stock is of high grade, and he is regarded as one of the most successful farmers of the township. In addition to his agricultural interests, he is a stockholder in the Central National Bank at St. Paris; a stockholder in the Telephone Company of St. Paris, and a stockholder in the National Fire Insurance Company of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Batdorf's ability as a farmer and a business man is recognized throughout the county, and his worth as a progressive citizen is appreciated to the full.

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#### GEORGE H. PRINTZ.

George H. Printz, junior member of the firm of J. E. Printz & Son, dealers in coal at St. Paris and one of the most active and enterprising business men in that city, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born at Steinberger Mills, in Mad River township, July 11, 1885, son and only child of Jacob E. and Catherine E. (Hannan) Printz, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of New Jersey, who came to this county in the days of their youth, were married at Urbana and have ever since been residents of this county, having made their home at St. Paris since 1899.

Jacob E. Printz was born in Page county, Virginia, June 22, 1845, son of Isaac and Eliza (Printz) Printz, both of whom were born in that same state, where they spent their lives, Isaac Printz being a miller, as also was his father. Jacob E. Printz grew up in Virginia thoroughly familiar with the details of the milling business and when a young man came to Ohio and at Urbana married Catherine E. Hannan, who was born at Elmer, New Jersey, March 9, 1857, and who had come to this county with her parents in her youth. She is a member of the Eastern Star and past noble grand of the Rebekah lodge. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Printz located

on a farm in the vicinity of Lippincott Station, in Salem township, this county, where they remained three years, at the end of which time they moved to Mad River township, where Mr. Printz took charge of the Steinberger mill and operated the same until 1886, when he transferred his services to the Arrowsmith mill in Salem township, where he remained engaged in milling until 1899, when he moved to St. Paris to take charge of the flour-mill at that place and became owner of the same. In 1907 he sold the mill to Baldwin & Son and bought the Walburn & Riker coal yards at St. Paris and has since been engaged in the coal business at that place, long having been regarded as one of the leading business men of that city. Not long after taking over the coal business, Mr. Printz admitted his son to partnership in the business, which since has been conducted under the firm name of J. E. Printz & Son. Mr. Printz came to this county in 1874, a poor young man and by dint of persevering efforts and good management has become one of the well circumstanced men of the county. In addition to his coal interests he is vice-president of the Central National Bank of St. Paris and has other interests there, which place him well up in the list of the men of affairs in that part of the county. Mr. Printz is a Democrat and for years has taken an active part in local public affairs, having been a member of the board of public works at St. Paris ever since the electric-light plant was built there. He is a Knight Templar and Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge at St. Paris and of the chapter, council and commandery at Urbana, and is also an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having attained to the encampment in that order.

George H. Printz was about thirteen years of age when his parents took up their residence in St. Paris and he completed his schooling in the high school there, after which he became engaged in the coal business as a partner of his father in the firm of J. E. Printz & Son and has ever since been thus engaged. He also is a stockholder in the Central National Bank of St. Paris and is otherwise interested in the general business affairs of his home town, being regarded as one of the "live wires" of that place, active in all movements having to do with the advancement of the common interests of the city; he is manager of the Farmers and Merchants Telephone Company. Mr. Printz is a Democrat and takes an active interest in local political affairs. He is the only thirty-second degree Mason in St. Paris and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. He became a member of Pharos Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at St. Paris, when twenty-one years of age, and at twenty-four was high priest of the local chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the council, Royal and Select Masters, at Urbana, and of

Raper Commandery, Knights Templar, in that city. His affiliation with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is through the consistory at Dayton.

On June 22, 1908, George H. Printz was united in marriage to Stella Woolcott, who was born near Lena, in Johnson township, this county, May 4, 1886, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Evelyn W., born on February 26, 1912. Mrs. Printz is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Printz have a very pleasant home at St. Paris and take an interested and helpful part in the general social activities of their home town. Mrs. Stella Printz is past noble grand of the Rebekah lodge, St. Paris, and is an officer and member of Diamond Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

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### JOHN D. ROBERTS.

John D. Roberts, Civil War veteran, well-known farmer and general stockman, living on rural route 1 out of St. Paris, is a native Virginian, born in Page county, Virginia, July 29, 1844. He is the son of John and Harriet (Good) Roberts, the former of whom was born and died in Page county, that state, and whose wife, Harriet Good, was also born in the same county and state; she also died there.

John Roberts and his wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom two are now living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Rebecca, who became the wife of Benjamin Wood and who are residents of Page county, Virginia. John Roberts and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and ever active in its good works throughout their lives. He was affiliated with the old Whig party and on the formation of the Republican party, became one of its staunchest supporters.

John D. Roberts was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the excellent schools of Page county, Virginia. He worked for a time on the farm and when the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Company C, of White's Battalion and Ross's Brigade; he furnished his own horses and bridles. On May 6, 1863, he was struck by a shell in the left knee at the battle of the Wilderness and he suffered for sixteen months from the effects of his injuries. In the winter of 1864 he rejoined his command and after a short period of service was discharged, the command with which he had been serving being disbanded.

On the conclusion of his war service John D. Roberts returned to his home and went to work on the farm. He was united in marriage to Martha

Kiser, who was a distant relative of the late John W. Kiser. Mr. Roberts lived in Virginia until March 5, 1883, when he came to this state and located in Champaign county on the farm on which he now lives. He is the owner of one hundred acres of prime land, which is in an excellent state of cultivation. In addition to his work on the farm he is also extensively engaged in breeding a fine strain of Jersey cattle, Duroc-Jersey hogs and Plymouth chickens, his produce in all these various lines netting good prices at market. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are parents of one son, Ernest C. Roberts, born in September, 1879. He married Nora Batdorf and they are the parents of two children, Irene and John D.

John D. Roberts has been a lifelong supporter of the Republican party, but has never been a seeker after public office. He and his wife have a pleasant home in Jackson township, where they reside on the place known as the "West Farm." Mr. Roberts is held in warm regard by his many friends in St. Paris and he is admired for his upright character and general sense of justice in the affairs of life.

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### JUDGE JOSEPH P. NORTHCUTT.

Judge Joseph P. Northcutt, pension attorney, justice of the peace in and for Urbana township, former judge of probate for Champaign county, an honored veteran of the Civil War and for years one of the best-known residents of Urbana, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the hamlet of Westville, in Mad River township, August 23, 1841, son of Runyan and Lucinda (Pence) Northcutt, the former a native of the state of Kentucky and the latter of this county.

Runyan Northcutt was but a child when his parents, Shadrick and Ruth (Taylor) Northcutt, came to Ohio from Kentucky, about the year 1810, and settled on a farm southwest of Westville, near Terre Haute, in this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Shadrack Northcutt becoming one of the substantial pioneer settlers of that part of the county. On that pioneer farm Runyan Northcutt grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in a little old log school house in Mad River township, and early became a saddler and harness-maker, following that vocation at Westville the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1844. He had married Lucinda Pence, who was born in Urbana township, this county,





JOSEPH P. NORTHCUTT.





and to that union five children were born, of whom but two are now living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Edmond Northcutt, living at South Omaha, Nebraska. The other children of that union were John, Emily, who married Hugh Gibbs, and William.

Joseph P. Northcutt was but three years of age when his father died and after the death of his mother, some years later, he made his home with his maternal uncle, Jacob Pence. He completed his schooling in the schools of Westville and later entered a harness shop and saddlery at St. Paris, where he learned the trade that had been his father's and was working at that trade when the Civil War broke out. On September 9, 1861, he then being but twenty years of age, Mr. Northcutt enlisted for service in the Union army, as a member of Company G, Third Ohio Cavalry, and served with that command, attached to the Army of the Cumberland, for more than eighteen months. At the battle of Woodville Station, Alabama, April 3, 1862, he was wounded six times and his horse was shot from under him. Three of the bullets he received on that bloody day Mr. Northcutt still carries in his body, the army surgeons having been unable to reach them. On February 20, 1863, he then having been fairly convalescent from his wounds, Mr. Northcutt received an honorable discharge from service, on a physician's certificate of physical disability, and returned home. He resumed his work as a saddler and harness-maker, but a short time later became engaged as a clerk in a dry-goods store at St. Paris and remained thus connected for seventeen years, or until his health began to fail, requiring a more out-door mode of living. For five years thereafter Mr. Northcutt was engaged in buying cattle, mostly sheep, and was thus engaged at the time of his election to the office of judge of probate for Champaign county. Following his election Judge Northcutt moved to Urbana, entering upon his duties of his office on February 9, 1891, and has ever since made that city his home. For six years he served as judge of probate and for a short time thereafter gave his personal attention to a farm he had acquired years before and which he still owns. Not long afterward he became engaged in the insurance business at Urbana and also became active as a pension attorney and is still acting in the latter capacity. In 1911 Judge Northcutt was elected justice of the peace in and for Urbana township and is now serving in that important public capacity. He is a Republican and for years has been looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in this county, ever giving his most thoughtful attention to local civic affairs.

On November 14, 1866, Joseph P. Northcutt was united in marriage to

Augusta Richeson, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann Richeson, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Carrie, wife of J. H. Cody, of Urbana. Judge and Mrs. Northcutt are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in church affairs. The Judge is a charter member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at St. Paris and served that post as quartermaster and as treasurer. He also was a charter member of the Masonic lodge at St. Paris, but is not now actively connected with that order.

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### SOLOMON APPLE.

Solomon Apple, one of the well-known and substantial farmers of Jackson township, this county, and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres one mile south and a half mile east of St. Paris, was born on a pioneer farm one mile south of where he now lives and has lived in that neighborhood all his life. He was born on June 11, 1835, son of Solomon and Catherine (Snapp) Apple, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Montgomery county, this state, who became pioneers of Jackson township and there spent the remainder of their lives.

The elder Solomon Apple came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in the days of his young manhood and in Montgomery county was married to Catherine Snapp, shortly afterward coming up into Champaign county. He entered a tract of eighty acres of "Congress land" in Jackson township and there established his home and proceeded to develop and improve his farm, a part of which at that time was swamp land. The Snapps settled in that neighborhood about the same time and the two families thus became counted as among the first settlers of that part of the county and were influential in the early work of development thereabout. Pioneer Solomon Apple prospered in his farming operations and added to his home farm until he had there two hundred and forty acres. He also had a farm of one hundred acres in Johnson township. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and took an active part in church work. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch is now the sole survivor. Of the others, William, Sarah, Mary, Noah and Simon grew to maturity and two died in infancy.

Reared on the pioneer home farm in Jackson township, the younger Solomon Apple received his schooling in the little old log school house in

that neighborhood and from the days of his youth was a helpful factor in the development of the home farm, remaining there until his marriage in 1861, when he established his home on the place where he is now living and has ever since made that his residence, long having been regarded as one of the substantial farmers of that community. Mr. Apple is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has never held public office. He is a member of the Lutheran church at St. Paris and has for many years taken a proper part in church work. Despite the weight of his four-score years and more, he retains much of his former vigor and continues to take a warm interest in current affairs.

On September 25, 1861, Solomon Apple was united in marriage to Frances Kessler, who was born in Johnson township, this county, and to that union was born one child, a son, Perry Franklin Apple, born on October 12, 1862, who married Rosa Prince, daughter of Abraham Prince, and has one child, a daughter, Ota, who makes her home with her grandfather on the old place. Mrs. Frances Apple died on April 18, 1914. Perry F. Apple was educated in the common schools and lived at home always. He is building his own home in Jackson township, where he will reside. He has served as president of the school board, and is a member of the Lutheran church.

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### JOHN B. HOLLIS.

John B. Hollis, a well-known retired merchant, of Christiansburg, former clerk and former trustee of Jackson township, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the city of Piqua on August 17, 1848, son of Benoni and Lydia (Duffy) Hollis, natives of Pennsylvania. His father died before he was born and his mother later married Cyrus Borden. By her marriage to Benoni Hollis she was the mother of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch is now the only survivor.

Thrown upon his own resources in his youth, John B. Hollis had quite a struggle getting a foothold on the path to fortune and at the age of twenty-one was practically without means save a stout heart and willing hands. At twenty-six years of age he became engaged in the meat business and for thirty-five years was thus engaged, doing a general meat business, and did quite well. He formerly owned a valuable farm, but since his retirement has sold the same and is now living undisturbed by business cares. Mr. Hollis is a Democrat and has long given close attention to local polit-

ical affairs, having for several years served as clerk of Jackson township and as trustee of the township, giving to the performance of the duties of these offices his intelligent attention.

In April, 1875, John B. Hollis was united in marriage to Minnie Spence, who was born in the neighboring county of Clark, but who was reared in Champaign county. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis have a very pleasant home at Christiansburg and have ever given their thoughtful attention to the general affairs of their home town. Mr. Hollis is a Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree) Mason and both he and his wife are members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, which Mrs. Hollis has served in numerous official capacities. For twelve years Mr. Hollis was worshipful master of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 226, Free and Accepted Masons, at Christiansburg, and his affiliation with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is through the consistory at Dayton. He also is a Knight Templar (York Rite), affiliated with the commandery at Troy, and is a Royal Arch Mason, affiliated with the chapter (No. 132) at St. Paris, and is also affiliated with the council, Royal and Select Masters, at Troy, for many years having given his earnest attention to Masonic affairs.

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### GEORGE D. NAGLE.

George D. Nagle, a well-known cement contractor at Christiansburg and former assessor of Jackson township, is a native of the great Empire state, but has been a resident of this county since he was about seven years of age. He was born in the city of Brooklyn, New York, June 25, 1862, son of George and Caroline (Duffern) Nagle, natives of Germany, the former born in Hamburg and the latter in Baden, who later became residents of Champaign county and here spent their last days.

George Nagle was about fourteen years of age when he came to this county with his parents, the family settling in Brooklyn and there he grew to manhood. For a time he worked in a grocery store and then learned the plumber's trade and was engaged in that business when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company H, New York Heavy Artillery, and with that command served for three years and nine months. He had married before the war broke out and upon the completion of his military service moved with his family to Canada, where he remained for about three years, or

until 1869, when he came to Ohio and located at Urbana. In the meantime he had become a stone mason and upon coming to this county engaged as a contractor in masonry and continued thus engaged until his retirement at the age of seventy years, making his home on a farm which he had bought in the neighborhood of Urbana. George Nagle and wife were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Charles, a contractor in Jackson township, this county; Carrie, wife of Frank Hubert, of Detroit, Michigan; Mattie, wife of William King, also of Detroit; Maggie, wife of William McDonald, of Urbana; Willis, a contractor of cement work at Piqua, and Fred, a contractor at Urbana.

George D. Nagle was about nine years of age when he came to this county with his parents and he completed his schooling in the Urbana schools. He early learned under the direction of his father the details of stone masonry and when twenty-one years of age began working along that line on his own account, locating at Christiansburg, where he presently developed a business as a stone contractor, eventually taking up cement work and in the latter line has since been engaged and has been successful. Mr. Nagle is a Republican and has served as a member of the Champaign county Republican central committee and as assessor of Jackson township. He has acquired considerable real estate interests and is quite well circumstanced.

In 1898 George D. Nagle was united in marriage to Emma L. Warner, who was born in Christiansburg, Champaign county. Mr. and Mrs. Nagle are members of the Lutheran church and take an interested part in church work. Mr. Nagle is past noble grand of Social Lodge No. 339, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Christiansburg, and is past chief patriarch of the local encampment, Patriarchs Militant, for years having taken an active and earnest interest in Odd Fellowship.

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### SILAS M. STRADLING.

Silas M. Stradling, one of Jackson township's well-known and substantial farmers and the proprietor of a fine farm of eighty acres one and one-half miles south of St. Paris, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there all his life. In all, he owns one hundred and fifteen acres. He was born on December 1, 1847, son of Henry and Emily (Mitchell) Stradling, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter

of Ohio, who came to this county from Warren county, this state, and established their home here about 1845, spending the rest of their lives here.

Henry Stradling was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1813, and was married, about the year 1845, in Warren county, this state, to Emily Mitchell, who was born in that county in 1823. Shortly after their marriage he and his wife came to Champaign county and settled on a farm in Jackson township, making their first home in a little log house that had been built by J. Zuhle, a pioneer of that neighborhood. Ten years later, Henry Stradling bought a tract of eighty acres adjoining the place on which he had been living and in 1866 erected on that farm the house in which his son, the subject of this sketch, is now living. He did not long remain to enjoy his new home, however, for he died in 1868, a little more than a year after moving into his new home. His widow survived him for many years, her last days being spent in St. Paris. Henry Stradling was a member of Social Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Lena, and took an active interest in the affairs of that order. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, four of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Timothy Stradling, a Jackson township farmer, and two sisters, Mary, widow of Valander Ward, of Mad River township, and Effie, a spinster, living at St. Paris.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, Silas M. Stradling has lived there all his life. He received his schooling in the little old log school house in that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was a valuable factor in the development of the home place. He was not yet twenty-one years of age when his father died and afterward much of the responsibility of farm management fell upon his shoulders. After his marriage he bought eighty acres of the home place from his mother, established his home there and has ever since continued to make that his place of residence, long having been regarded as one of the substantial and well-established farmers of that neighborhood. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Stradling has given considerable attention to the raising of Duroc-Jersey hogs and has done very well. He is a Republican, but has not held public office.

In 1874 Silas M. Stradling was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bidelstter, who was born on an adjoining farm on April 13, 1852, daughter of George and Mary A. (Costenborder) Bidelstter, the former of whom was born in France and the latter in Greene county, this state, who were married in that county and later came to Champaign county, establishing their home in Jackson township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Stradling have eight children, four sons and four



daughters, namely: Bertha M., wife of John Clapp, of St. Paris; Cory, who is at home; Don, who married Mary Heaston; Henry, who is unmarried and remains at home, helping with the management of the farm; Mary, also at home; George, who married Carrie Wheaton, and Nellie and Helen, at home. The Stradlings have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

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### SAMUEL S. DAVIS.

Samuel S. Davis, a substantial retired farmer and landowner of Champaign county, now living at Mechanicsburg, is a native of the Old Dominion state, but has been a resident of this county since he was twenty years of age, having come here with his widowed mother in 1876. He was born in Warren county, Virginia, September 22, 1855, son of Fenix and Adaline (Cattlett) Davis, both also natives of the Old Dominion, the former born in that section now comprised within West Virginia, who located in Warren county after their marriage and there Fenix Davis spent the rest of his life, following the vocation of bridge builder. He died there, leaving a widow and three children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Anna, wife of Charles Layton, a farmer living near Urbana, this county, and Sarah, wife of Percy Horr, a farmer of Union township, this county. For fifteen years before her marriage Mrs. Horr was a school teacher in this county.

In 1876, some time after the death of her husband, Mrs. Adaline Davis and her children came to Champaign county from Virginia and here she spent the remainder of her life, her death occurring on May 8, 1909. As the only son of the family much of the responsibility for the maintenance of the family fell upon the shoulders of Samuel S. Davis after his father's death, the father having been a poor man and unable to leave much of a patrimony, and Samuel thereafter took care of his mother the rest of her life. Upon coming here the family settled in Mad River township and for three years thereafter Samuel S. Davis was engaged at farm labor there. He then rented a farm from Simeon Taylor and his operations as a farmer on his own account prospered so that he presently was able to buy a farm of his own. That first farm that he owned was in Pike township, Madison county, and he paid for it eighty dollars an acre. When he later was made an offer of one hundred and twenty-five dollars an acre for the place he

let it go and with the proceeds of the sale bought the Marquis Crain farm of one hundred and sixty acres, paying for the same seventeen thousand dollars. This farm he later sold for eighteen thousand dollars and then bought a farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres in Union township, this county, paying for the same one hundred dollars, and this farm he still owns. After taking possession of his Union township farm Mr. Davis made his home there for three years, at the end of which time, in 1916, he retired and moved to Mechanicsburg, where he is now living. Mr. Davis is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Homer Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Mechanicsburg, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the lodge.

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### LOU B. BERRY.

Lou B. Berry, treasurer of Champaign county and for years actively engaged in the insurance business at Urbana, was born in that city and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 25, 1866, son of Thomas H. and Luxima (Hughes) Berry, representatives of two of the most prominent and influential families in this part of Ohio.

Thomas H. Berry also was born at Urbana and lived there all his life, with the exception of three years spent at Chicago and at Danville, Illinois. He was born on January 5, 1820, son of Judge E. C. Berry, one of the most prominent and influential men of his generation in this county and further and fitting mention of whom is made in the historical section of this work. Thomas H. Berry took a prominent part in the political, social and religious life of his home town and county. He was an active Republican and he and his wife were earnest members of the Presbyterian church. On May 1, 1846, Thomas H. Berry married Luxima Hughes, who was born on June 28, 1826, daughter of the Rev. James R. Hughes, of Oxford, Ohio, who was the first Presbyterian minister in Champaign county and the first principal of Miami University. To that union seven children were born, Mary Lamme, Thomas C., James H., Charles J., William E., Harry M., and Lou B. Thomas H. Berry died on November 9, 1879.

Lou B. Berry received his schooling in the schools of Urbana and upon completing his studies engaged in the insurance business at Urbana as a clerk in the office of C. W. Marshall, who at that time was the state agent for the Home Insurance Company of New York. In 1891 Mr. Berry was appointed local agent for that company and has since been thus en-

gaged, also representing several other fire and life insurance companies, long having been recognized as one of the leading insurance men in this part of the state. Mr. Berry is an ardent Republican and from the days of his boyhood has taken an active part in local political affairs. In the campaign of 1916 he was made the nominee of his party for the office of treasurer of Champaign county and was elected in the fall of that year by a large majority and is now serving as treasurer of this county, one of the most popular officials in the court house. Mr. Berry is also a member of the local school board and has long given his close attention to the affairs of the schools, helpful in many ways in extending the cause of education in his home town.

On February 23, 1893, Lou B. Berry was united in marriage to Carrie Hubbell, daughter of John H. and Mary Hubbell, and to this union two children have been born, Philip (deceased) and Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Berry are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general social activities of the city and are helpful in promoting all worthy causes. Mr. Berry is a Mason and a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and in the affairs of these two organizations takes a warm interest.

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#### GLENN WEIKERT.

Glenn Weikert, of Christiansburg, assessor of Jackson township and one of the best-known auctioneers in Champaign county, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Troy, in the neighboring county of Miami, December 8, 1880, son of John and Frances E. (Robbins) Weikert, both of whom were born in that same county and who are now living retired at Troy. To John Weikert and wife five children were born, four of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Emmet E., a Miami county farmer; Gertrude, wife of Eugene Reasor, of Troy, and Nellie M., wife of William Swails, also of Miami county.

Reared on the home farm, Glenn Weikert completed his schooling in the public schools of Troy and at the age of seventeen years learned the barber trade and for eleven years was engaged in the barber business at Troy, at the same time acting as an agent for the sale of fruit trees in that vicinity. About 1909 Mr. Weikert took up auctioneering as a vocation and

has since been thus engaged, the calls for his services in that connection coming from far and near throughout this part of the state. Mr. Weikert moved from Troy to Christiansburg and he and his family are comfortably situated in that village. He is a Democrat and is now serving as assessor of Jackson township and of the village of Christiansburg.

On September 8, 1903, Glenn Weikert was united in marriage to Harriet E. Hoover, who also was born in Miami county, and to this union have been born four children, Roswell, Paul, Wilson and Dorothy M. Mr. and Mrs. Weikert are members of the Christian church and Mr. Weikert is clerk of the same, both taking an earnest interest in church work.

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### J. C. BRAGUNIER.

J. C. Bragunier, a well-known traveling salesman and a resident of Christiansburg, this county, is a native of the Hoosier state, but has lived in Ohio since the days of his boyhood. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Delphi, in Carroll county, Indiana, January 1, 1878, son of Samuel and Melvina (Ross) Bragunier, both now deceased, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county, in the state of Maryland, and the latter of Ohio, a native of Champaign county, born on the old Ross farm in Jackson township. Samuel Bragunier was but two years of age when his parents moved from Maryland to Carroll county, Indiana, and there he grew to manhood on a farm near Delphi. There he met and married Melvina E. Ross, of this county, who had gone to Carroll county on a visit to friends, and after his marriage continued to make his home in Indiana until 1884, when he came with his family to Champaign county and settled on the old Ross farm in Jackson township, he and his wife spending the remainder of their lives in this county, her death occurring on March 14, 1913, and his, May 22, 1913. They were the parents of five children, the subject of this sketch having four sisters, namely: Kittie, wife of Frank Vandever; Mary E., a stenographer at Columbus, this state; Estella M., wife of J. H. Swisher, and Addie M., wife of C. W. Proctor.

Having been but six years of age when he came to this county with his parents in 1884, J. C. Bragunier grew to manhood here and received his schooling in the schools of this county. For several years he worked on the farm and then became engaged in the butcher business at Christiansburg and was thus engaged for six years, at the end of which time he be-

came employed as a traveling salesman for the Moorman Manufacturing Company of Quincy, Illinois, representing that company throughout western Ohio, and has ever since been thus engaged, one of the best-known salesmen traveling out of Champaign county. Since becoming thus engaged Mr. Bragunier has continued to make his headquarters at Christiansburg and takes an active interest in the general affairs of that thriving village. He is a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 226, Free and Accepted Masons, at Christiansburg, and is the present worshipful master of the same. Politically, he is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's part in the political affairs of his home county.

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### JAMES T. JOURNELL.

James T. Journell, a well-known general farmer, living three miles south of Quincy, Champaign county, was born in Adams township on May 10, 1859, a son of Anderson and Elizabeth (Heath) Journell.

Anderson Journell was born in the state of Virginia and Elizabeth Heath was born in the state of Ohio. He came from Virginia and settled in Ohio and there he met and married Elizabeth Heath; after their marriage they settled on a farm in Concord township and lived there for several years. In 1860 they went to Illinois and located in Cumberland county, that state, and in that place they spent the remainder of their lives. They were industrious farming people and were ever interested in the good works of the communities in which they lived.

James T. Journell, when he had reached the age of ten years, started out to work for himself, being employed by the month in Illinois. After a lapse of a few years he returned to Ohio, locating in Logan county, where he also worked by the month on farms. Having saved a little money out of his earnings, he rented a farm for three years. At that time he was married to Elizabeth Curl, a daughter of farming people. In 1882 Mr. Journell settled on the old Curl farm, which contains sixty-eight acres of prime land. He has since been carrying on general farming, his compact holding being in an excellent state of cultivation, and his labors have been rewarded with a marked degree of success. Since coming into possession of the farm Mr. Journell and his wife have continued to reside on the holding and are there comfortably circumstanced. They are the parents of two children, namely: Orville, a graduate of the common schools, who

married Mabel Wilson and lives in Adams township, and they are the parents of three children, Wilson, Agnes J. and Rachel E.; the other child is Loren, who attended the common and high schools of the township.

The Journell family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Journell is one of the trustees, and he and his wife are earnest supporters of the church and its good works. They also take a warm interest in all social matters having for their object the welfare of the community and they are held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Journell is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, but has never held any political offices. He is well known throughout the township in which he has so long been residing, as a progressive and industrious farmer.

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### DON McMORRAN.

Don McMorran ranks among the well-known young farmers and stockmen of St. Paris, Champaign county. He was born in Johnson township, this county, on December 20, 1883, a son of David and Susan (Norman) McMorran. David McMorran is a descendant of Christian McMorran, who was among the early settlers of Champaign county. David McMorran and wife were the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy and the others still living being Dolla, who became the wife of Charles Wiant, living in Johnson township, and Don, the subject of this sketch.

Don McMorran was reared on the farm three miles northeast of St. Paris. He was educated in the district schools and on the completion of his school course he worked on his father's farm up to the time of his marriage. On April 2, 1912, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Pearl Perfect, who was the widow of Bert E. Perfect, her name before her first marriage being Pearl Parke. She was born in Union county, Ohio, in 1879, and to her first marriage one daughter was born, Marguerete Perfect, now a student in the St. Paris schools. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McMorran two daughters have been born, Moree, on August 13, 1913, and Marcella, on August 21, 1915.

Mr. McMorran and the members of his family are affiliated with the Baptist church at St. Paris. Mr. McMorran, in addition to his farming operations, is a moderate feeder of cattle and hogs, and in this branch of his agricultural activities he has had some success. He is a supporter of the Republican party, but has never been a seeker after public office.



## ORVA D. LITTLEJOHN.

Orva D. Littlejohn, a prominent and successful farmer and stockman of Jackson township and proprietor of the "Fair View Stock Farm," consisting of sixty-seven acres of prime land situated one-half mile south of Christiansburg, at the end of the cow-path pike, was born in Clark county, Ohio, on September 12, 1867. He is the son of Edward and Eliza (Wagoner) Littlejohn, the former of whom was born in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, and the latter was born in Logan county, Ohio.

Edward Littlejohn, father of the subject of this sketch, came from his home in Virginia, accompanied by his mother, to Clark county, Ohio. The long journey was made in wagons and on reaching this state they settled near Springfield, where they engaged in farming. Edward Littlejohn was twice married. To his first marriage three children were born, George, Maticia and Mary, who is deceased. Of his second marriage the following children were born: Isaac, Josie, William, John, Jacob, David, Ann, Edward E., Lou and another, twins; Othelina and Roseline, twins.

Orva D. Littlejohn was reared on a farm in Jackson township and attended the district schools, his opportunities for receiving a thorough education being limited. He started working for himself at farm labor at an early age and when he had reached the age of twenty-one, he had got together the sum of two hundred dollars, as the result of his labor and thrifty habits. He commenced farming on his own account by renting a farm in Clark county and after spending some time there he rented for a while in Miami county. In 1906 he bought his present farm of sixty-seven acres in Jackson township, known as "Fair View Stock Farm." Mr. Littlejohn, on becoming the owner of this holding, started immediately to improve it and it is now in excellent condition as the result of his efforts; the dwelling house and outbuildings are likewise in an admirable state, all indicating earnest attention on the part of the owner. Mr. Littlejohn is engaged in general farming and stock raising; he breeds the big type of Poland China hogs and has high-grade stock of all kinds, his success in this line being no less marked than in his farm work, and he is generally regarded in the district as a progressive and skillful husbandman.

In December, 1891, Orva D. Littlejohn was united in marriage to Clara D. Munford, who was born in Clark county and educated in the common schools. She was a daughter of William H. and Nancy Munford; he was a native of Maryland and she of Ohio. They lived in Clark and



Miami counties. Both are dead; he was a farmer. To this union two children have been born, Harry C., born on October 21, 1892, was educated in the public schools and spent two years in high school. He married Stella Wheaton and is now farming in Clark county, this state. The other child is Emerson L. Littlejohn, born on March 3, 1896; he attended the public schools and the high schools at Christiansburg and Troy. The Littlejohn family are members of the Christian church at Lower Honey creek and are warm supporters of all its good works. Mr. Littlejohn is a member of Social Lodge No. 136, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Christiansburg. He is an ardent Democrat and served as superintendent of the gravel roads in Jackson township for two years, and in other ways has given of his time and energy to the public interest.

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#### MINARD L. SESSIONS.

Minard L. Sessions, an honored veteran of the Civil War and for years custodian of the public school building at Woodstock, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Woodstock, in Rush township, August 14, 1842, son of Darius and Analine (Meacham) Sessions, the former of whom was a native of the state of Rhode Island and the latter of Massachusetts, who were married after they came to this county and here spent the remainder of their lives.

Darius Sessions was trained as a carpenter in the days of his youth and was a skilled builder. He came to Ohio and located in this county when twenty-eight years of age, having married not long before coming here, and he and his wife established their home at Woodstock, where Mr. Sessions engaged in housebuilding and in trading the rest of his life, his death occurring a few years later, in 1844, he then being thirty-one years of age. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring in 1895, she then being eighty years of age. She was a member of the Universalist church. Darius Sessions and wife were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this sketch now is the only survivor, his two sisters, Mrs. Mary Hoisington and Cynthia, wife of Newton Ellsworth, being deceased.

Minard L. Sessions was but two years of age when his father died and he remained with his mother until her death, a thoughtful and loving provider after he had reached the age of self-support. He received but limited

schooling, there never being more than three months of school during the year in his neighborhood in the days of his youth, and in his youth he worked on farms and at various tasks. In September, 1861, he then being but nineteen years of age, Mr. Sessions enlisted for service in the Union army during the continuance of the Civil War and went to the front as a private in Company A, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Cumberland and he thus saw much active service, having been a participant in thirteen battles and skirmishes, including the battles of Stone's River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain and others. At the battle of Chickamauga he received a severe gunshot wound in the right thigh and was sent to the military hospital at New Albany, Indiana, where he was confined from September, 1862, to January, 1863. He then rejoined his regiment and was with the same until he received his final honorable discharge on November 10, 1864, at Columbus.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Sessions returned to Woodstock and a year thereafter became engaged as a clerk in the store of Joseph Chamberlain, in that village, and was thus engaged for seven years. He then for two years was engaged with Newton Chamberlain and then for fifteen years he was engaged in manufacturing tile. After that he was variously engaged until 1893, in which year he was made the custodian of the Woodstock public school buildings and he has since then continued thus engaged, one of the best-known men in that village.

In 1867 Minard L. Sessions was united in marriage to Mary A. Reynolds, who was born in Urbana, this county, daughter of Harrison and Elizabeth Reynolds, of that city, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Charles H., Lenora, Harriet, Alline, Perry and Blanche. Charles H. Sessions received his schooling in the Woodstock schools and later took up newspaper work, in which he has been very successful, now being one of the leading staff writers on the *Kansas City Journal*. It was years ago that Charles H. Sessions went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he became employed on one of the newspapers of that city and has ever since been thus engaged, having given service to several of the papers of that city before becoming employed on the *Journal*. During the incumbency of Governor Hoke, of Kansas, he for two years served as private secretary to that executive. Charles H. was secretary of state of Kansas for four years and is now secretary to Governor Cappen, of Kansas. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and in his political affiliation is a Republican. Charles H. Sessions married Mary Barker, of Kansas City, and has one child, a son.

Charles B. Lenora Sessions married A. E. Van Doozer, now living at San Francisco, California, and has two sons, Wallace and Harold. Harriet Sessions married Ellis Drake, of Chicago, and has two children, Marjorie and Frances. Alline Sessions married Malcolm McNeal and also lives in Chicago. She has one child, a son, Minard. Perry Sessions also went West and has done very well in Kansas. He served as a soldier during the Spanish-American War and afterward located in Kansas, where he took a prominent part in political affairs and is now in the secretary of state's office of the Sunflower state. He married Rosa West and has one child, a son, Minard. Blanche Sessions married Manning Stoner and is living in San Francisco.

Mr. Sessions is an active member of Davis Post No. 612, Grand Army of the Republic, at Woodstock, and for years has been adjutant and quartermaster of the same, ever taking an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. He also is a member of Woodstock Lodge No. 167, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that popular organization. He and his wife have a pleasant home at Woodstock and have always given their best thought to doing what they can to advance the general interests of their home town.

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### A. W. RUSSELL.

A. W. Russell, farmer of Concord township, was born in this township, near the Methodist church at Eris, April 4, 1859. He is a son of Valentine and Margaret (Hill) Russell, who were married in 1836. In 1842 they moved overland to Iowa, being among the early pioneers in that state, where they spent two years, returning to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1844, and spent the rest of their lives on a farm in Concord township. They were members of the Concord Methodist church. He was a Republican and held local offices, including that of land appraiser. He took an active interest in township affairs. His family consisted of eight children, namely: Robert H., who lived in Luray, Virginia, is deceased; J. E. and John F. both make their home on a farm in Concord township, Champaign county; Lorin V. died when sixteen years old; Minerva A. is the widow of Nelson Longfellow and she lives in Concord township; Mrs. Eliza J. Vance lived in Urbana, but is now deceased; A. W., of this sketch; one child died in infancy.



A. W. RUSSELL AND FAMILY



A. W. Russell lived at home with his parents until early manhood and attended the district schools; later he studied at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware for two years, then took a business course in a Columbus commercial college. After finishing his education, he returned home and farmed with his father until he inherited part of the homestead, and later bought more of it. There he has continued to reside, the place consisting of eighty acres, which he has kept well improved and well cultivated and the buildings well repaired. He has been successful as a general farmer and makes a specialty of raising cattle, hogs and horses, preparing large numbers annually for the market.

On December 6, 1900, Mr. Russell married Mary E. Snarr, a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Keller) Snarr, both natives of Shenandoah county, Virginia, where they grew up and married, but about a year later they moved to Hardy county, West Virginia, where they bought a farm and spent the rest of their lives. Nine children were born to them, eight of whom grew to maturity and seven of them are still living, namely: James and John are both residing in Hardy county, West Virginia; Calvin died when about five years old; Jacob H. lives in Concord township, Champaign county; Alice died in Hampshire county, West Virginia; Martin S. lives in Salem township, Champaign county; Minnie is the wife of C. N. Robertson, of Hampshire county, West Virginia; Annie is the wife of P. L. Walker, of Hampshire county, that state; and Mary E., wife of Mr. Russell of this sketch. The children of A. W. Russell and wife are: Philip B., born March 19, 1902; Richard H., born February 19, 1906, and Marvin K., born November 9, 1907.

Politically, Mr. Russell is a Republican. His wife and son, Philip B., belong to the Concord Methodist Episcopal church.

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### J. T. R. WILSON.

J. T. R. Wilson, a well-known substantial farmer and president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Christiansburg, this county, was born near Lexington, Rockbridge county, Virginia, on August 31, 1845. He was the son of Hugh and Mary (Robinson) Wilson, the former of whom was born in the state of Virginia in June, 1815, and the latter in the province of Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1819.

Hugh and Mary (Robinson) Wilson grew up together on neighboring farms in the state of Virginia, where Mrs. Wilson's parents had taken her when she was one year old. The Robinson and Wilson families lived on adjoining farms and the friendship formed between the young couple culminated in marriage, which took place in 1840. Hugh and Mary Wilson, following their marriage, continued to live in Virginia until 1855, in which year they arrived in Ohio and located in Miami county, west of Christiansburg, where they lived until his death. Mrs. Mary Wilson, following the death of her husband, moved to Troy, Ohio, where she died.

When Hugh Wilson came to Ohio he settled in Miami county where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on which he carried on general farming for several years. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, three of whom are living at the present time: J. T. R., the subject of this sketch; H. M., of St. Louis, Missouri, where he is engaged as an optician, and Frank, an insurance man, of Troy, this state. Hugh Wilson was a member of the Presbyterian church, in the good works of which he was warmly interested and in which he served as a deacon for several years. He was a Democrat, but never sought public office.

J. T. R. Wilson was reared on the farm in Miami county and went to the district schools. After finishing school he remained at home working on the farm until he was twenty-one years old. Some time later he went to the state of Nevada and to the Pacific coast, where he remained for about three years, at the end of which time he returned to Champaign county. In August, 1873, he was married to Nancy J. Furrow, who was born in Miami county. They had been playmates from early childhood and attended the same schools, the acquaintanceship thus formed later terminating in marriage. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Miami county, on which they continued to reside until 1900.

Mr. Wilson was one of the organizers of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Christiansburg and was elected its first president, which office he still holds. The other officers are J. R. Marshall, vice-president, and R. L. Powers, cashier. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Wilson is the owner of one hundred and twenty-five acres of prime land in Jackson township. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Presbyterian church and also attends the services of the Christian church. His wife died on April 21, 1916. They were the parents of five children as follow: Blanch, who married O. S. Walker, of Dayton, Ohio; Eva, deceased; Osie, the wife of W. H. Coble, of Christiansburg; Grace, a graduate of the Troy high school, who married Howard Ellis, of Lancaster, Ohio, and Josie, a high school graduate, wife



of Frank Grove, and lives with her father. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Addison Lodge No. 139, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Addison Encampment No. 75. He is a past noble grand and past chief patriarch. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never sought public office.

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### OLIVER C. LOFFER.

Oliver C. Loffer, a well-known and progressive farmer, living on rural route 2 out of St. Paris, Champaign county, was born on a farm in Logan county, Ohio, October 16, 1881. He is the son of Henry D. and Elora M. (Apple) Loffer.

Henry D. Loffer was born on a farm in Shelby county, Ohio, and his wife, Elora M. Apple, was born in Champaign county. They married and settled on a farm in Logan county and operated it up to the time of his death, in 1898. He was unable to purchase any land and that which he worked was held under rent. He was known throughout his life as an honest and hard-working farmer and he and his wife were held in much respect in the district where they resided. Mr. Loffer was an active worker in the church and ever took a warm interest in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church and community. Mr. and Mrs. Loffer were the parents of seven children, five of whom are living in 1917, these being Alice, the wife of Rev. Howard Watkins, living in Athens, Ohio; Viola, who married Harold Fuller, who is now in the army; Winona, the wife of Henry Muth, of Columbus, Ohio; Mary, unmarried, lives with her mother in Columbus, Ohio, and Oliver C., the subject of this sketch.

Oliver C. Loffer was reared on the farm held by his father in Logan county and was educated in the district and high schools at Quincy, this state, and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1902. He then commenced farming for himself and he is now the owner of seventy-five acres of prime land located in sections 14 and 20, Jackson township. On his farm he has been using up-to-date methods in operating and his efforts have met with a large measure of success.

On February 22, 1906, Oliver C. Loffer was united in marriage to Maude V. Wilkins, who was born near Kenard, Ohio, on August 27, 1880, a daughter of W. G. Wilkins, and was reared on the parental farm. She was educated in the district schools of the neighborhood in which she lived and later spent one year in West Liberty high school. Her parents settled

on a farm in Salem township and lived on that place for seven years. In March, 1914, O. C. Loffer moved to Jackson township and has lived there ever since. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Loffer three children have been born, namely: Phyllis K., born March 15, 1907; Rheba E., September 11, 1909, and William R., December 27, 1913.

Mr. Loffer and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Grafton chapel, Ohio, and are active in all church work, Mr. Loffer being assistant superintendent of the church. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Quincy, Ohio. He is a supporter of the Republican party, but never been a seeker after public office. He is vice-president of the Jackson rural district school board and in other ways has given evidence of his practical interest in all matters tending toward the welfare of the public at large.

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### OTTO F. APPLE.

Otto F. Apple, a progressive and well-known farmer, whose land is located in section 3, Jackson township, was born on April 27, 1876, a son of Simon and Elizabeth (Loudenback) Apple, who were farming people. One of the two children born to this union, Otto F. Apple was reared on the farm and, in consequence of weakness in his eyesight, which prevented him from attending the public schools, he was educated at home.

Otto F. Apple learned the rudiments of farming work on his father's farm and continued to work there up to the time of his marriage. On December 24, 1900, he was united in marriage to Susan D. Bishop, who was born in Mad River township on November 16, 1882. She was a daughter of Joseph and Allie (Overholzer) Bishop. Following his marriage Mr. Apple settled on a farm in Jackson township and worked at farming in that place for nine years, at the end of that period coming into his own neighborhood. He also spent two years in Clark county, this state, and since September, 1912, he has been living on the tract of sixty-nine and one-quarter acres, which forms part of the old home farm. Here he is actively engaged in general farming and has met with much success, being recognized as one of the progressive farmers in that part of Jackson township.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Apple the following children, all daughters, have been born, namely: Ruth E., Naomi A., Clara M., Ethel I.,

Opal L., Mildred C. and Ida May, all of whom are living with their parents. Two children died in infancy. The Apple family are earnest members of the Lutheran church at St. Paris, and are actively interested in all the good works of the congregation, Mr. Apple serving as one of the elders of the church. He is a supporter of the Democratic party, but has never held any public office. His efforts have always been directed to the cause of good local government and he is recognized throughout the township as a citizen of sound judgment and dependable views on matters appertaining to the general welfare of the public. He and his wife take an active part in the work of helping to make the social conditions better.

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### MELVIN ALLISON.

Melvin Allison, proprietor of "Diamond Rock Farm," a well-kept and profitably cultivated place of one hundred and eighty-six acres, two miles west of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, this county, was born on a farm nearby and has been a resident of that community all his life, making his home in this county and in the neighboring county of Clark. He was born in Goshen township on August 28, 1862, son of Wilford and Ann C. (Melvin) Allison, the former of whom died in 1865, leaving his widow and three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Flora, wife of Alf. Jacobs, of Clark county, and Frank, who married Wilbur Black, of near Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Ann C. Allison was a native of the state of Virginia, born at Harper's Ferry, and was but six years of age when she came with her parents to this part of Ohio, where she grew to womanhood and was married. After the death of her husband she moved down into Clark county and there Melvin Allison spent his boyhood and received his schooling. He was but three years of age when his father died and he early began working for himself, at the age of thirteen taking employment on a farm at a wage of twenty-five cents a day, later receiving eight dollars a month, and until he was seventeen years of age worked on the farm he now owns. Upon reaching his majority he inherited twenty-eight hundred dollars, but lost the same through an unfortunate investment and had to begin "at the bottom." He presently rented a farm and by the time of his marriage in 1890 had a home established. Upon buying his present farm he made a payment of eight hundred dollars on the same and as his affairs continued to prosper it was not long

until he had it all paid for and well improved. In 1915 he erected his present modern house and he and his family are now very comfortably situated. Mr. Allison has an excellent farm plant, "Diamond Rock Farm" being regarded as one of the model farms in that neighborhood, and his operations are carried on in accordance with modern methods. In addition to his general farming, he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done very well. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has never given particular attention to politics, contenting himself with rendering to the state his duty as a good citizen and a voter.

On March 23, 1890, Melvin Allison was united in marriage to Alice Morris, who was born in the neighboring county of Madison on October 5, 1866, and to this union four children have been born, Edna and Letha, graduates of the common school; Catherine, a graduate of the Mechanicsburg high school with the class of 1917, and Walter, who was graduated from the common school in 1917. The Allisons have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of their home community, helpful in promoting all movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

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#### EUGENE H. GRUBB.

Eugene H. Grubb, proprietor of a well-kept farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Goshen township, this county, is a native of the Old Dominion state, but has been a resident of this county since the days of his young manhood, having come here shortly after reaching his majority. He was born in Virginia on December 24, 1875, son of William H. and Matilda (Everharts) Grubb, also natives of the old Dominion, who spent all their lives there, her death occurring in 1914 and his in 1915. They were the parents of seven sons, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being Oscar, Wilbert, Robert, Daise, John and Harry.

Reared on the old home farm in Virginia, Eugene H. Grubb received his schooling in the local schools of that neighborhood, going to school until he was eighteen years of age, and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant in the labors of the home farm, remaining there until he was past twenty-one years of age, when he came to Ohio and began working on a

farm in Champaign county. A year later he rented a farm and began farming on his own account and two years later rented a tract on the J. J. Ware farm and operated that place for seven years, at the end of which time he bought his present farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres in Goshen township and has ever since made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Grubb has made all the present substantial improvements on that place and now has an admirably equipped farm plant. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and is doing very well. Mr. Grubb is a Democrat, but has never given any particularly active attention to political affairs, other than performing a good citizen's duty of voting.

On April 4, 1901, Eugene H. Grubb was united in marriage to Anna Neer, who was born on a farm in Mechanicsburg, this county, daughter of N. O. Neer, and who was educated in the common schools of that township, from which she was graduated, and to this union four daughters have been born, Evaline, Mildred, Virginia and Marian. Mr. and Mrs. Grubb are members of the Methodist Protestant church and take a proper interest in church work and in the general good works of their community. Mr. Grubb is a member of the Masonic lodge at Mechanicsburg and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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#### CHARLES F. FINSTERWALD, M. D.

Dr. Charles F. Finsterwald, physician and surgeon at North Lewisburg, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Athens, in the county of that name, this state, May 2, 1884, son of J. H. and Addie Finsterwald, who are still living there. Reared on the farm, he received his early schooling in the schools of Athens, the county seat, continuing the same in the high school at Hamden, and was graduated from the latter in 1903. He then attended Ohio University for three years, at the end of which time he was made principal of the schools at Hamden and after serving in that capacity for two years was made superintendent of schools at Jacksonville, in his home county and served in that capacity for four years. In the meantime he had been giving his attention to the study of medicine with a view to becoming a physician, and he then entered the medical department of the Ohio State University, from which he was graduated four years later, in 1916, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During this course Doctor Finsterwald was

an interne in the state hospital for two years, there securing the advantage of a practical training in his profession that has proved of incalculable benefit to him.

Thus admirably qualified for the practice of his profession, Doctor Finsterwald located at Athens, Ohio, for a short time, then to North Lewisburg, August 14, 1916, where he opened offices and where he has since been engaged in practice, his acquaintance being rapidly extended throughout that part of the county and the nearby sections of the neighboring counties of Logan and Union. In his political views, Doctor Finsterwald is an "independent" and gives his close and thoughtful attention to political issues. He was vice-president of his class in the university during his senior year and during his college days was an active member of the literary fraternity, Delta Tau, and the medical fraternity, Phi Chi, in the affairs of both of which lively associations he continues to take a warm interest.

On May 6, 1909, Dr. C. F. Finsterwald was united in marriage to Maude Mullay, daughter of J. B. Mullay and wife, of Portland, Oregon, and to this union one child has been born, a son, James Frederick. Doctor and Mrs. Finsterwald are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in church affairs, as well as in other local good works, and are helpful in promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the common welfare. They have a pleasant home at North Lewisburg and take an interested part in the general social activities of their home town.

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### FORRY WILSON.

Forry Wilson, farmer of Concord township, Champaign county, was born just west of where he now resides, January 1, 1860. He is a son of John D. and Sarah (Forry) Wilson. The father was born on the same farm where the subject of this sketch first saw the light of day, and he was a son of John and Miah (Dickey) Wilson. John Wilson was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he spent his boyhood, but when a young man, in 1817, he threaded the wilderness trails in Champaign county, Ohio, and entered the land from the government on which John D. and Forry Wilson were born, in what is now Concord township. The country was at that time very sparsely settled and vast woods prevailed, but the elder Wilson, like all the pioneers, was a man of grit and courage, and he carved out a home in the midst of the forest, where he spent the rest of his





JOHN D. WILSON





life. He married a Miss Runyan, by whom two children were born. She died in early life and he then married Miah Dickey, a native of Fayette county, Ohio, and to their union three children were born, of whom John D. Wilson was the youngest. John Wilson became one of the leading farmers and influential citizens of Champaign county in his day.

John D. Wilson grew to manhood on the home farm in Concord township and there he married Sarah Forry, who was born in Logan county, Ohio. She was a daughter of Rudolph and Sarah Forry and of Pennsylvania stock. He enlisted during the Civil War in the one-hundred-day service in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Miles Wilson. They saw active service in Virginia and around Cincinnati, Ohio (where they were known as the "Squirrel Hunters"), to stop Morgan on his famous raid. He contracted typhoid fever and never was strong thereafter. After his marriage John D. Wilson remained on the homestead, following general farming the rest of his life there. He was a Republican, and he and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church at Spring Hills, in which he was an elder for many years and active in church work all his life. His family consisted of six children, two of whom died in infancy; those who grew up were named as follow: Emma, now deceased, was the wife of William Daniels; Forry, subject of this sketch; Walter S. lives on the home farm in Concord township; Miah Jane, now deceased, was the wife of James McCroskey.

Forry Wilson grew up on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. He lived at home until his marriage, on March 9, 1886, to Flora V. Journell, a daughter of Crocket and Margaret (Taylor) Journell. After his marriage he located in Harrison township, but remained there only a short time, then returned to the home place, where he continued to reside until 1907, when he bought his present farm, nine miles northwest of Urbana, Concord township. He owns two hundred and seventy acres in his home farm and ninety-seven acres in Salem township. His land is well improved and well cultivated and he has been very successful in general agricultural pursuits. He makes a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs, preparing large numbers annually for the market. He has a modern home and substantial outbuildings, everything about his place denoting good management and thrift.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, namely: Alta Fern, died aged one month; Otto M., married Lenora Colbert and they live on the home farm, which he helps his father operate; Leo B. is also at

home and helping with the farm work. The mother of these children died on May 4, 1911.

Politically, Mr. Wilson is a Republican. He is active in local public affairs and has served two terms as township assessor. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Spring Hills and has been an elder in the same for a number of years. His wife also belonged to that church.

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### HARRY O. BAKER.

Harry O. Baker is one of the younger and among the more progressive farmers of Jackson township, Champaign county, his farm being located in section 7, that township. He was born in a log cabin on the farm which he now owns, and which is still standing, on January 18, 1878, a son of Obadiah and Eliza (Bowers) Baker.

Obadiah Baker was born in Clark county, Ohio, on the farm owned by his father, Jacob Baker. He was reared on the farm in Clark county, which was occupied by his father, and was educated in the public schools of the district. Eliza Bowers, his wife, was also born in the state of Ohio, educated in the public schools and grew to womanhood in Champaign county. Obadiah Baker and Eliza Bowers were married in this county and went to live in a log cabin on the farm now owned by their son, Harry O. Baker. After a few years of married life they built a substantial house on the farm of eighty acres owned by Obadiah Baker and on which he was engaged in general farming for the remainder of his life. He died in 1885 and his widow died in 1896, their deaths being regretted throughout the community in which they had lived for many years and where they were held in high regard for their qualities as good citizens and good neighbors. They were earnest members of the Lutheran church, in the good works of which they were warmly interested. Obadiah Baker and wife were the parents of seven children, six of whom are living in 1917: William D., a farmer living in Jackson township; Alma, wife of J. C. Richardson, of Christiansburg; Jacob, a farmer living in Mad River township; Sarah, wife of Charles Pence, of Miami county, this state; Irvin, who lives in Christiansburg, and Harry, who lives on the old home place.

Harry O. Baker was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools of Jackson township, attending school during the winter months and working on the farm during the summer seasons. His father

having died when he was about six years of age, he started early in life to help in the upkeep of the home. Harry O. Baker was married, when he had reached his twentieth year, to Edna M. Baker, the marriage taking place on February 24, 1898. His wife was born in Jackson township, this county, on September 3, 1877, a daughter of William and Abigail (Robbins) Baker. Mrs. Baker was educated in the public schools of Jackson township.

Following his marriage Harry O. Baker and his wife settled on his present farm, where he is engaged in general farming and has been successful in all his operations. They are the parents of the following children: Vernon C.; Rachel, attended the common schools and is now a student in high school; Wilbur, who is attending the common schools; Alta.; Ada, deceased, and Waldo. The Baker family are members of the Mt. Zion Baptist church and are warmly interested in all church affairs. Mr. Baker is a member of St. Paris Lodge No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which order he is past noble grand. He is also a member of the encampment and fills the office of junior warden in the same, and in both of these popular organizations he takes a keen interest. Mr. Baker is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and is now a member of the Jackson township school board and is township committeeman at the present time.

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#### GRANT NINCEHELSEK.

Grant Nincehelser, a well-known and substantial retired merchant and farmer, of Cable, this county, and formerly and for years clerk of Wayne township, was born in the village of Cable and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 1, 1871, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Strohl) Nincehelser, early residents of that community, whose last days were spent there.

Henry Nincehelser, who built the first house on the site now occupied by the village of Cable, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Berks county, that state, April 8, 1827, son of Jacob and Harriet (Hart) Nincehelser, also natives of Pennsylvania, who later came to Ohio, driving through, and settled in this county, arriving here with but fifteen cents in cash. Jacob Nincehelser began farming on King's creek and became a substantial farmer, he and his wife spending the remainder of their days there. As a lad Henry Nincehelser was "bound out" to a blacksmith in Pennsylvania and served a thorough apprenticeship to that trade, remaining there and working at

that trade until he was twenty-one years of age, when he came to Ohio with a view to establishing his home in Champaign county. Upon coming here, the date of his arrival having been May 12, 1849, Henry Nincehelsner found employment with "Jimmie" Howard, who had a blacksmith shop on King's creek, near the home of Henry Mast. Presently the young man returned to Pennsylvania and in the village of Ephrata, in that state, on January 1, 1851, was united in marriage to Elizabeth Strohl. In the fall of that same year he came back to Champaign county, bringing with him his bride, and established his home at the point on King's creek where later the village of Cable sprang up. There was a good well of water at that point, a decisive factor in the location of the new home in the then wilderness, for at that time the greater part of that section of the county was an unbroken forest. Henry Nincehelsner cleared a small plot of ground and there erected a small house, the first house built in what later came to be the village of Cable, and nearby he set up a forge and established a blacksmith shop, a special inducement in that direction having been the promise of much work that would come to him from Hiram Cable, who, with his brother, Philander Cable, was a large landowner and contractor in that neighborhood and after whom the village which, presently began to take form around the blacksmith shop, was given its name. When the railroad construction crew reached that point during the time of the later construction of the Pan-handle railroad through this county, Henry Nincehelsner and his wife boarded the construction hands and Mrs. Nincehelsner was given the privilege of riding on the first train that ran between Urbana and Cable. The site of the house in which the Nincehelsners conducted their boarding house during the days of the railroad construction and which was the first house erected at that point, occupied the site now occupied by the Rudisell Hotel. Henry Nincehelsner continued in the blacksmithing business at Cable the rest of his life and was an important personal factor in the growth and development of the village of which he was the first settler. He and his wife were among the organizers of the Jenkins Chapel Methodist Protestant church and ever were active in church work and other local good works. When the Civil War was at its height Mr. Nincehelsner enlisted for the hundred-day service as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command participated in the famous James River campaign. He had joined the Odd Fellows during his residence in Pennsylvania and later, when a lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was organized at Cable he became a charter member of the same. Originally a Whig, he became a Republican upon the forma-

tion of the latter party and ever remained an ardent supporter of the same. Mrs. Henry Ninceheler lived to a ripe old age, her death occurring at Cable on August 15, 1905, she then being seventy-three years of age, and he survived for nine years, his death occurring on August 7, 1914, he then being seventy-eight years of age. They were the parents of four sons, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: John J., formerly and for years engaged in the blacksmith business at Cable, having there taken over his father's old-established shop, but now engaged in the mercantile business in that village and who has been married twice, first to Lizzie Johnson and, secondly, to Sadie Jones; William J., who is now living at Oskaloosa, Kansas, where he is engaged in the livery and transfer business, and Oliver W., a farmer and stockman at Cable.

Grant Ninceheler grew up at Cable and upon completing the course in the village schools entered the college at Ada and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1893. For a year thereafter he was employed as a clerk in the store of Charles Dempsey, dealer in agricultural implements at Cable, and then he engaged in business on his own account, opening a hardware store and a house for the sale of agricultural implements and general farm machinery at Cable, and was thus quite successfully engaged until his retirement from the mercantile business twenty years later. In the meantime Mr. Ninceheler had acquired a valuable bit of farm land near the village and he continues to give considerable personal attention to the operation of the same. He always has given his close attention to local civic affairs and for seventeen years served as clerk of Wayne township, during that time rendering admirable service in behalf of the public.

In August, 1899, Grant Ninceheler was united in marriage to Rachael L. Patrick, who was born at Urbana, this county, daughter of Alexander and Catherine (Stewart) Patrick and granddaughter of Judge Patrick, one of the most forceful of the pioneers of this county, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. Alexander Patrick was a cabinet-maker and later moved from Urbana to Cable, where he spent his last days, his death occurring in April, 1915. His wife had preceded him to the grave many years, her death having occurred in October, 1887. They were the parents of four daughters, of whom Mrs. Ninceheler was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Jessie, who is now living at Loma, this state, widow of William Howard; Carrie, wife of John Hollis, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and Grace, who died unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Ninceheler are the parents of three children, Henry Stewart, Ruth Adelaide and Elizabeth. The Nincehelsers have a very pleasant home at Cable and have ever



taken an interested part in the general social activities of their home town, helpful in promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the common welfare thereabout. Mrs. Ninceheler is a member of the Baptist church at Urbana and takes a proper interest in church work. Mr. Ninceheler is a Mason, affiliated with the lodge of that order at Urbana, and is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Cable, in the affairs of both of which orders he takes a warm interest.

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### HENRY WESTFALL.

Henry Westfall, member of the general merchandise firm of Madden & Westfall at Woodstock and for many years actively engaged at that place in the buying and selling of live stock, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state practically all his life, with the exception of a couple of years spent in the West during the days of his young manhood and three years later spent at Indianapolis, where he was engaged in the railroad service. He was born on a farm in Darke county, August 12, 1863, son of John and Susanna Westfall, the former of whom was a native of New England and the latter of the state of Pennsylvania, who came with their respective parents to Ohio in the days of their youth, and grew up in Darke county, where they were married and where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Reared on a farm, Henry Westfall received his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home in Darke county and continued working on the farm until he was nineteen years of age, when he went West. Two years later he returned to Ohio and secured employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and was for three years thereafter engaged in railroad work, during that time being located at Indianapolis. He then returned to Ohio and located at Woodstock, where he engaged in the lumber business, which he followed for two years, at the end of which time he became engaged there in the mercantile business and has continued in that business, off and on, for the past thirty years or more, at present being engaged in that line at Woodstock as a member of the firm of Madden & Westfall, proprietors of what is regarded as the leading general mercantile establishment in that thriving village. For the past eighteen years Mr. Westfall also has been engaged in the live-stock business and buys large quantities of cattle and hogs, shipping to outside markets, and has done very well in that line, being widely known throughout this part of the state as a stock buyer. Though



ever giving a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, Mr. Westfall is "independent" in his attitude toward parties and has never been a seeker after public office.

On February 22, 1887, Henry Westfall was united in marriage to Carrie Loudon, daughter of Benjamin Loudon and wife, and to this union nine children have been born, all of whom are living save one, Olive, the others being Ada, Harry, Pearl, Mearl, Ralph, John, Howard and James. Ada Westfall, the eldest of these children, married Than Madden. Harry Westfall married Jessie Murray and has two children, Darling and Evelyn, and Pearl Westfall married Carrie McClintock and has one child, Helen Louise. The Westfalls have a very pleasant home at Woodstock and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of that delightful village, doing much to advance the general interests of the town and of the surrounding country. Though starting on his business career with limited means, Mr. Westfall has made a substantial success and has long been regarded as one of the leading factors in the business life of the eastern part of the county.

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### JAMES PERRY.

James Perry, trustee of Union township and a substantial farmer and stockman of that township, living on rural mail route No. 1 out of Mechanicsburg, was born in the neighboring township of Wayne and has lived in Champaign county all his life. He was born on April 9, 1855, son of Evan and Elizabeth (Middleton) Perry, the former of whom was born in the principality of Wales and the latter in Highland county, this state, who became residents of this county and here spent their last days.

Evan Perry was but a lad when he came to this country from Wales with his parents, the family locating in Delaware county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, later coming to Champaign county. He married in Wayne township and there established his home, continuing actively engaged in farming there the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1872, he then being fifty-two years of age. His widow survived him for some years, her death occurring in 1903. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being George, David L., Evan, Charles, Jane, Nancy and Elizabeth.

James Perry was reared on the home farm in Wayne township and there grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood.

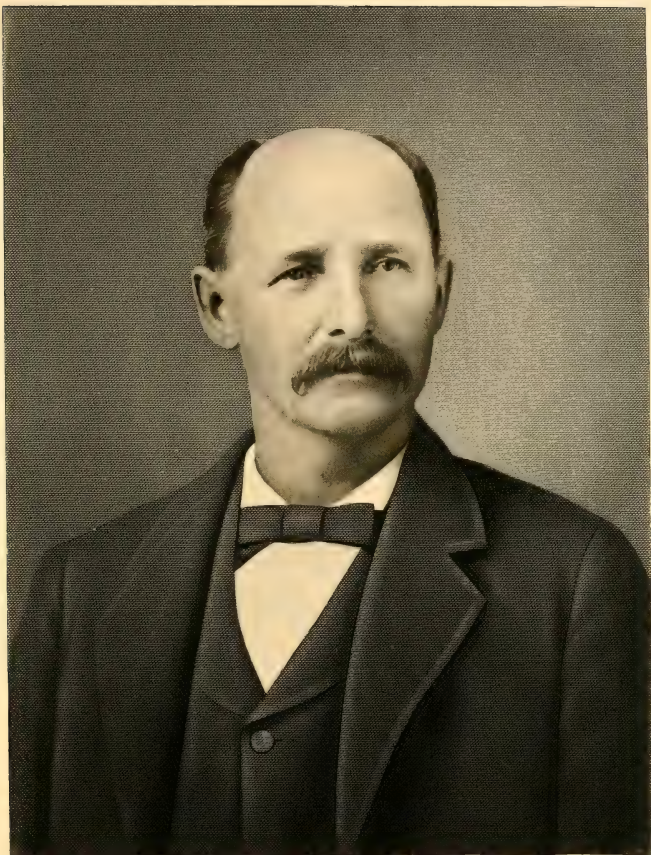
He was married when twenty years of age and then began farming on his own account, renting a farm in Wayne township. He later moved to a farm in Goshen township and remained there until 1906, when he bought the farm of one hundred and forty-seven and one-half acres on which he is now living, in Union township, and has ever since made that place his home, one of the best-known farmers in that part of the county. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Perry has for years given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, feeding all the grain he raises, and is doing very well in his operations. He is a Republican, was road supervisor for his district for about ten years, a member of the local school board for four years and is now serving as trustee of his home township, giving his most thoughtful and intelligent attention to the duties of that important office.

In 1875 James Perry was united in marriage to Viola Yocum, daughter of James and Hannah Yocum, and to this union nine children have been born, namely: William, who married Mabel McClemmon and had three children, Stewart, Lucy and Wilma; Charles, who married Ella Engle and has three children, Irene, Hazel and Bernice; Allan, who married Pauline Weatherhead; Jesse, who married Jennie Kulp and has six children, Edna, Irma, Clarence, Mary, Viola and Dorothea; Carrie, wife of Wilfred Hall; Nellie, who married Bert Hays and has six children, Edith, Maggie, Bessie, James, Sumner and Nettie; Ivan, who is unmarried; Titus, also unmarried, and Maggie, deceased. The Perrys have a pleasant home on their well-kept farm and have ever given their interested attention to the community's general social welfare.

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### JAMES A. WEIDMAN.

One of the leading agriculturists of Salem township, Champaign county, is J. A. Weidman, who is also president of the Farmers State Bank of West Liberty, Ohio. He was born on a farm north of Kings Creek, in the former county, March 4, 1840, a scion of an honored pioneer family, being a son of Abraham and Emily (Dewey) Weidman, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1824, when twelve years old, with his father, Abraham Weidman, coming overland from Virginia. They were thus among the earliest settlers in this locality. They located on what is now known as the Dugan road, where the elder Weidman bought land which he developed into a good farm in the midst of the wilderness and spent the rest of his life here, becoming



*James A. Heidman*



influential in the early-day affairs of Salem township. His son, Abraham Weidman, Jr., assisted him in developing the home farm, but when young he began working at the carpenter's trade, becoming especially adept at barn building. He continued his trade for about eight years, then turned his attention to farming, starting as a renter, but later bought a forty-acre farm which he operated until his death in 1889. His wife died in 1884. They were the parents of seven children, only two of whom are now living, J. A. of this sketch, and Samuel W., who makes his home in Kings Creek, this county.

J. A. Weidman grew to manhood on the farm and received his education in the public schools. In early life he took up farming for a livelihood, and in 1864 went to Illinois and worked in the western part of the state at the carpenter's and stone mason's trades for five years. Then he returned to his native county and rented the old James farm of one thousand acres, in Salem township, remaining there for four years, during which time he was very successful as a general farmer and an extensive live-stock feeder. He then married and rented the Longworth place, containing two thousand acres, which he operated with his former success for five years, then bought one hundred acres in Salem township which he now owns and where he has since resided. He also purchased at that time a farm of one hundred and sixty-four acres in Concord township on the Mad river. He has later bought additional land, until he now owns three hundred and ninety-six acres in Salem and Concord townships. He has brought his land up to a high state of cultivation and improvement and has an attractive and modern dwelling—in fact, everything about his place denotes thrift, good taste and good management. He has always farmed on a large scale and, being a man of sound judgment and executive ability, has succeeded admirably. He is now living practically retired from the active duties of life, living quietly on the old home place in Salem township. He is a heavy stockholder in the Farmers State Bank at West Liberty, and was elected president of this institution four years ago. He has managed its affairs in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of the other stockholders and patrons of the bank, which is one of the sound and popular banking institutions of this section of the state.

Mr. Weidman was married, on March 4, 1875, to Sarah Elizabeth Anspaw, a daughter of Jonathan Anspaw, and to their union three children were born, namely: Bertha, deceased; Charles, deceased, and Lola Emma, who married William Madden and has one child, Marie. The death of

Mrs. Weidman occurred on August 12, 1892, at the age of forty-two years. Politically, Mr. Weidman is a Democrat, but he has never been very active in public affairs. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order and to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Dayton, Ohio. Personally, he has always been regarded as a good citizen in the best sense of the word and a man of upright character, in every way deserving of his material success and of the esteem in which he is held by all who know him.

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### GEORGE W. HANN.

George W. Hann, one of the best-known live-stock dealers in Champaign county, for years engaged in that business at Woodstock, member of the board of directors of the Peoples Bank of Woodstock and otherwise prominently identified with the general business affairs of that thriving village, is a native of the old Buckeye state and also lived in this state all his life. He was born in the village of West Jefferson, in Madison county, January 22, 1864, son of George and Malinda (Furrow) Hann, who later became residents of this county, but who later returned to Madison county, where his last days were spent. She still lives at West Jefferson.

George Hann was trained as a butcher in his youth and remained engaged in that vocation all his life. On December 25, 1881, he left West Jefferson with his family and located at Mechanicsburg, this county, where he engaged in the butcher business and was thus engaged there for several years, at the end of which time he returned to his old home at West Jefferson, resumed there the retail meat business and there spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being William (deceased), Mrs. Fannie Sheeders, Mrs. Mollie Bennett and Mrs. Lucy Dinger.

George W. Hann received his schooling at West Jefferson and was about eighteen years of age when he came with his parents to this county and located at Mechanicsburg. There he assisted his father in the retail meat business until in August, 1882, he moved up to Woodstock and there established a meat market on his own account. Two or three months later he married, established his home there and has ever since made that village his place of residence. Mr. Hann continued in the butcher business for several years after locating at Woodstock and then turned his attention to the buying and selling of live stock and has since been very successfully engaged in that line.



long having been recognized as one of the leading stock buyers in this part of the state, his operations in that line covering a wide territory hereabout. His buying is mostly for the Pittsburgh market and he has done very well. In addition to his live-stock operations Mr. Hann has long given close attention to the general business affairs of his home town and has for years been regarded as one of "live wires" of that village. He is a member of the board of directors of the Peoples Bank of Woodstock and it was largely through his efforts that the bank erected its present handsome bank building some years ago. He has taken an active interest in politics since the days of his boyhood and has for years been looked upon as one of the leaders of the Republican party in the eastern part of the county.

Mr. Hann has been twice married. It was on November 4, 1882, that he was united in marriage to Clara Kenfield, daughter of Daniel Kenfield and wife, and to that union was born one child, a daughter, Dorothy, who married Claude Dunham and has one child, a daughter, Claudine. Mrs. Clara Hann died on September 4, 1913, and on October 22, 1915, Mr. Hann married, secondly, Mrs. Vera (Miller) Hewing, which union has been without issue. Mr. and Mrs. Hann have a very pleasant home at Woodstock and take a proper part in the general social activities of their home town and of the community at large, helpful in promoting all movements designed to advance the common welfare. Mr. Hann is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is past noble grand of the same. He also is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and in the affairs of both of these popular organizations takes a warm and active interest.

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#### BOWERS & SLAGLE.

W. J. Bowers and William H. Slagle, owners of a saw-mill at Rosewood, Champaign county, have been engaged in that business as partners for more than seventeen years and are widely known as dealers in lumber throughout this part of the state, the products of their mill having an extensive market.

W. J. Bowers, the senior partner in the saw-mill business, was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, on March 28, 1851, a son of Uriah Bowers and wife, natives of that state, who came from their home state to Shelby county, Ohio, in 1861, and located on a farm in that county. Uriah Bowers lived in that county for a short time and then went to the state of Iowa, where he lived for two years. At the end of that period he returned to Ohio and



bought a farm in Wood county, which he later sold and returned to Shelby county, where he engaged in farming and continued at that occupation, up to the time of his death. He met his death through a runaway horse throwing him out of a wagon in 1880.

W. J. Bowers had been working on a farm and remained at home during the lifetime of his parents. Some years later he decided to engage in the saw-mill business; he employed William H. Slagle as steam engineer to run the saw-mill and the latter was thus engaged for about five years. The business acquaintance thus formed led to Mr. Bowers and Mr. Slagle entering into a partnership in the saw-mill trade in the winter of 1901, under the firm name of Bowers & Slagle, and this partnership has since been continued, with satisfactory results. They moved the mill to Ashland, Ohio, in April, 1902, and operated there until July of the same year, at which time they came to Rosewood and here their mill has been running ever since with advantage to the partnership. Mr. Bowers is a supporter of the Democratic party, but has never been a seeker after public office. He has been making his home with Mr. Slagle for the past twenty years.

William H. Slagle, partner in the saw-mill business of Bowers & Slagle, was born on November 23, 1870, a son of J. W. and Mary E. (Trapp) Slagle, both of whom are now dead. J. W. Slagle was a soldier in the Civil War, being a member of Company C, Ninety-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; he saw much service and was in many important engagements during the three years he served with the Federal forces. He was finally discharged at Camp Dennison for general disability. William H. Slagle's mother died when he was eight years old, at which time he went to live with his grandparents for about twelve months. He was educated in the public schools and on leaving school he farmed for some time. In addition to his interests in the saw-mill Mr. Slagle is the owner of a farm of fifty-eight acres of prime land in Adams township.

On October 5, 1893, William H. Slagle was united in marriage to Sarah E. Fristoe, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, but was reared in Shelby county. Her mother died while she was still a child, being six years old at the time. She accompanied her father to Shelby county after the death of her mother, the father settling in that county, where he was a farmer. Mr. Slagle is a supporter of the Republican party, but has never been a seeker after public office, preferring to devote his time to his saw-mill and farming interests.

Nicholas Trapp, maternal grandfather of William H. Slagle, was a soldier in the United States army in 1848 during the Mexican War, serving

as a captain. He also served in the Civil War for three months as a first term and on the expiration of that period he re-enlisted as captain in Company K, First Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served to the end of the war. He was in several severe engagements and was wounded four times at the battle of Lookout Mountain. During the rush to the gold fields of California he joined with a number of other "forty-niners" and remained there until 1851.

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### SAMUEL RILEY.

Samuel Riley, village councilman, a well-known building contractor at North Lewisburg and an honored veteran of the Civil War, is a native of the Keystone state, but has been a resident of Ohio ever since the completion of his service in the Union army during the Civil War, he having located in this state at the close of the war. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1847, son of John and Amanda Riley, both of whom also were natives of Pennsylvania and whose last days were spent in Bedford county.

Upon completing his studies in the schools of his home county, Samuel Riley took up farming with his father and was thus engaged when, in 1865, he then being eighteen years of age, he enlisted for service during the continuance of the Civil War as a member of Company E, Second Regiment, Maryland Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command for eighty-four days, or until mustered out at the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Riley came to Ohio and for eighteen months was engaged as a farm hand in the section lying between Troy and Covington. He then married and took up the trade of plasterer at Covington, where he established his home and where he remained for eleven years, at the end of which time he came to this county and located at Cable. During a part of the time he was living at Covington Mr. Riley was engaged in the railway service and it was while thus engaged that he was sent to Cable to take charge of the gravel pit operated at that place by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Two years later he moved to Woodstock, where he resumed his vocation as a plasterer and bricklayer and where he remained for seven years, at the end of which time he moved to North Lewisburg, where he opened in business as a general building contractor and where he has ever since been located, a period of more than thirty years, during which time he has executed contracts in all parts of the county, long having been recognized as one of the leading contractors in this part of the state. Mr. Riley is a Repub-

lican and has long given his earnest attention to local political affairs, and is now serving as a member of the village council.

Mr. Riley has been married four times. It was in 1867, at Covington, that he was united in marriage to Sarah Barnhardt, who died at Woodstock. To that union five children were born, of whom two are now living, Mollie, who married Gwynn Clark and has three children, Herbert, Charles and George, and Maude, who married Charles Granser and has two children, Earl and Lou. Following the death of the mother of these children Mr. Riley married Mrs. Susan (Epps) Smith and after her death he married Adia Heston, following whose death he married Cora Spain. Mr. and Mrs. Riley have a pleasant home at North Lewisburg and give proper attention to the general affairs of their home town. Mr. Riley is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, past noble grand of the local lodge of that order, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, past chancellor commander of the local lodge of that order, having for years taken a warm interest in the affairs of both these popular organizations.

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### EDGAR S. EVERHART.

Edgar S. Everhart, one of Union township's well-known and substantial farmers, now living practically retired from the active labors of the farm at his pleasant home in that township, where he has a fine farm of one hundred and fifteen acres, is a Virginian, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his boyhood and of Champaign county since the early eighties. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Lovettsville, in Loudon county, Virginia, October 11, 1852, son of Israel and Maria (Ropp) Everhart, both of German descent, who later moved to Ohio and located in Clark county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Israel Everhart also was born in the vicinity of Lovettsville, in Loudon county, Virginia, in 1811, and there grew to manhood, becoming a building contractor. There he married Maria Ropp, who was born in that same neighborhood in 1817, a daughter of Nicholas Ropp, a substantial farmer of that vicinity, who spent all his life there, and who was the father of ten children, those besides Mrs. Everhart having been Polly, Melissa, Samuel, Jacob, John, Emanuel, Elizabeth, Eliza and Jane. Israel Everhart was one of six children born to his parents, the others having been Solomon, Tillie, George, Nathaniel and William, the last two named having been twins. In April,

1861, Israel Everhart moved with his family from Virginia to Ohio and settled on a farm in the Catawba neighborhood, in Clark county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Israel Everhart was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his wife were active members of the Methodist Protestant church. He died in 1883 and his widow survived him for some years, she having been eighty years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being William, Matilda, John A., Thomas and George. The late William Everhart was for years a well-known farmer in Union township, this county, and was also engaged in the grain business at Catawba. He married Virginia Hunter, also now deceased, and to that union were born two children, Charles, a farmer, living in Union township, this county, and Nilette, of Butler county, Ohio. Matilda Everhart, now deceased, married William H. Grubb, of Virginia, also now deceased, and was the mother of eight children, Oscar, Wilbur, Robert, John, Eugene, Daisy, Harry and Grace. The late John A. Everhart, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, was for years a well-known farmer in Goshen township, this county. He married Anna M. Near, who is now living at Catawba, and to that union were born four sons, Scott, Herbert, Warren and Robert. Thomas Everhart, a farmer of Clark county, married Ella Kimball and has two children, Elton and Bessie. George Everhart, a retired farmer, now living at South Vienna, married Margaret Beard.

Edgar S. Everhart was but eight years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents from Virginia in 1861 and he grew to manhood on the home farm in the neighborhood of Catawba, receiving his schooling in the schools of that place and becoming a practical farmer. After his marriage when twenty-one years of age he began farming on his own account in Clark county and was there thus engaged for about nine years, at the end of which time he bought his present farm in Union township, this county, created there a fine place and has ever since made his home there. This was the old John Baldwin place and when Mr. Everhart bought it consisted of one hundred and seventy-three acres. He has sold part of the place, however, and now has one hundred and fifteen acres, well improved and profitably cultivated. In 1895 Mr. Everhart erected his present handsome residence and in 1901 built a new barn. The general farm plant is in keeping with these substantial improvements and the place has long been looked upon as one of the best-kept farms in that neighborhood. In 1913 Mr. Everhart practically retired from the active labors of the farm and since then has been in a position to

"take things easy." He is a staunch Republican, was for years director of schools in his home district and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church, in the affairs of which they for years have taken an earnest interest.

On June 1, 1874, Edgar S. Everhart was united in marriage to Mary A. Grove, of Clark county, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Walkman) Grove, both of Virginia stock and early settlers in Clark county and both long since deceased. Jacob Grove and wife were the parents of four children, those beside Mrs. Everhart, the second in order of birth, having been William, who died at the age of twenty-one years; David and Frank, the latter of whom is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Everhart three children have been born, Albert, Laura (deceased) and Sarah B., the latter of whom completed her schooling at Adrian, Michigan, and married Lewis Melvin, a bookkeeper for the Armsted & Burk Milling Company at Springfield. Albert Everhart, who completed his schooling in the college at Ada, this state, is now superintendent of the plant of the Niagara Radiator Company at Tonawanda, New York. He married Jessie Warrick and has two sons, Howard and Edgar.

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### WILLIAM HOWARD SHARP, M. D.

Dr. William Howard Sharp, well-known physician and surgeon at Woodstock and the proprietor of a well-stocked drug store in that thriving village, is a native son of the old Buckeye state and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Pottersburg, in the neighboring county of Union, July 15, 1877, son and only child of Dr. David W. and Lottie (Stewart) Sharp, both also natives of this state and both now deceased, their last days having been spent in Woodstock, where the elder Doctor Sharp died about seven years ago.

Dr. David W. Sharp, who for years was a well-known physician and druggist at Woodstock, was born on a farm near Middleburg, in the neighboring county of Logan, and there grew to manhood, receiving his early schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood. He early turned his attention to the study of medicine and after a course in Delaware College he entered the College of Medicine and Surgery at Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution in 1875. For the first three years after receiving his diploma, Dr. David W. Sharp was engaged in the practice of his pro-



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fession at Pottersburg and then he moved to Middleburg, where he was engaged in practice for four years, at the end of which time he moved to Woodstock and there spent the remainder of his life, being for years one of the best-known physicians in the eastern part of the county. In addition to his general practice, he also was engaged in the drug business and conducted a drug store at Woodstock until the day of his death, which occurred there in November, 1910. Doctor Sharp was a Republican, a member of the Christian church and a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the commandery at Urbana. He was twice married, his first wife, Lottie Stewart, of Harrisburg, mother of the subject of this sketch, dying at her home in Woodstock in 1888, after which he married Nellie T. Bindon, of Woodstock, who survives.

Dr. William Howard Sharp's professional education was received at Starling Medical College at Columbus, from which excellent old institution he was graduated in 1904. From boyhood and during the time he was pursuing the course in the Woodstock schools he had given his close attention to the study of medicine, his father's extensive medical library being open to him. Upon receiving his diploma, the younger Doctor Sharp returned home and for three years thereafter was engaged in practice at Woodstock in partnership with his father. He then opened there an office of his own and has since been engaged in practice alone, being widely known throughout that part of the country covered by his practice. In addition to his general practice, Doctor Sharp is the owner of a well-stocked and up-to-date drug store at Woodstock and does a good business in that line. He is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society and of the Ohio State Medical Society and in the deliberations of both of these learned bodies takes a warm interest, ever keeping fully abreast of the advances being made in the practice of his chosen profession. The Doctor is a Republican and takes a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On December 5, 1907, Dr. William H. Sharp, was united in marriage to Mabel Fawn Kimball, of Woodstock, daughter of David R. Kimball, a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Doctor and Mrs. Sharp have a very pleasant home at Woodstock and take an interested part in the general social activities of their home town. The Doctor is a Knight Templar Mason, being a member of the blue lodge at North Lewisburg and of the commandery at Urbana, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

## IRA LINCOLN.

The late Ira Lincoln, who died at his home in Rush township, this county, in 1886, was a native son of Champaign county and his whole life was spent here. He was born on what is known as the old Lincoln homestead in Rush township, June 4, 1848, son of Charles and Allura (Johnson) Lincoln, who came to this state from Connecticut and settled on a farm in Rush township, this county, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives, influential and useful members of the community which they did much to help develop. Charles Lincoln and his wife were the parents of ten children and elsewhere in this volume there is set out at considerable length something of the history of this important family, which it will hardly be necessary to repeat in this connection.

Reared on the home farm in the Woodstock neighborhood, Ira Lincoln received his schooling in the district schools near his home and from boyhood gave his attention to farming. After his marriage in the spring of 1876 he began farming on his own account and established his home on a farm in Rush township, where he spent the rest of his life, successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He was an ardent Republican and gave his earnest attention to local political affairs, but was not a seeker after public office. Ira Lincoln died at his home in Rush township on September 12, 1886, he then being thirty-eight years of age, and his widow still survives him, making her home at Woodstock, where she is very comfortably situated. She is a member of the Universalist church and takes an earnest interest in church work, as well as in other good works of the community in which she has lived all her life and in the general social activities of which she has ever taken a useful and helpful part.

It was on March 30, 1876, that Ira Lincoln was united in marriage, at Woodstock, to Martha E. Marsh, who was born in that village, daughter of Charles W. and Laura E. (Cranston) Marsh, the former of whom was born in Vermont and the latter in this county. Charles W. Marsh, a son of the Rev. Joseph Marsh, a minister of the Christian church, came to this county from Virginia in the days of his young manhood and located at Woodstock, where he became engaged in the blacksmithing business and where he married and established his home. He died on February 22, 1869, leaving four children, those besides Mrs. Lincoln, the eldest, being C. E. Marsh, a retired farmer, now living at Woodstock; Lucy D., wife of William Kimball, of Woodstock, and Hattie, who died in childhood. Charles W. Marsh's widow

married, secondly, Erastus Martin Smith, of Woodstock, who died on January 22, 1898. She survived for nearly twenty years, her death occurring on February 17, 1917, she then being seventy-nine years of age. To that second union one child was born, a daughter, Nina H. Smith, who, in 1916, married the Rev. Harlan E. Glazier, pastor of the Universalist church at Woodstock. The Rev. Harlan E. Glazier is a native of the Empire state, born in Courtland county, New York. He was graduated from Union College in 1897 and later became connected with the Ballou & Hobergard Preparatory School at Boston, as principal and treasurer of the same. He continued his studies in Harvard and was graduated from that institution in 1904, with the degree of Master of Arts. Later he took up the gospel ministry and for two years was stationed at Tacoma, Washington, coming from there in 1915 to take charge of the Universalist church at Woodstock, where he is now located.

To Ira and Martha E. (Marsh) Lincoln, one child was born, a daughter, Harriet L., born on June 3, 1881, who died on May 31, 1909.

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### WILLIAM P. GLENDENNING.

William P. Glendenning, one of Rush township's progressive farmers and stockmen, was born on the farm on which he is now living, on rural route No. 1, out of North Lewisburg, and has lived there all his life. He was born on November 15, 1862, son of William and Mary (Hawkins) Glendenning, influential residents of that community, both now deceased.

The Glendenings are an old family in Champaign county, the first of the name here having been James Glendenning, a native of Scotland, who came to Ohio with his family from Virginia in 1829 and settled on a farm in the Mechanicsburg neighborhood, where he established his home and created a good farm property. James Glendenning was born in Scotland and was but two years of age when his parents came to this country with their family, about 1795, and settled in Harrison county, Virginia, in that portion of the Old Dominion now comprised in West Virginia. There James Glendenning grew to manhood and married Mary D. Vanhorn, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1793. In December, 1829, James Glendenning came to Ohio with his family, driving through with a team and leading one cow, and settled in this county. After a brief residence in Mechanicsburg he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres surrounding Brush Lake in Rush township and there established his home. They were members of the Baptist church in Virginia and of the Methodist Episcopal church after

coming to Ohio. A log cabin was erected and later a double cabin. His wife died there at the age of about seventy and he later sold his farm to his sons, William and Webster, and thereafter lived with his children, surviving to the age of eighty-two. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, among whom, besides William, were Mary, who married Joseph Ellsworth and lived in Missouri; Margaret, who married John McColly and lived near Cable, this county; J. Webster, who married Elizabeth Wilson and also made his home in this county; Thomas J., who was first married to Hester Stover and later to Matilda Williams, and who lived and died in Mechanicsburg; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Black and lived in Rush township, and James, who died at the age of thirteen years.

William Glendenning was born at Lost Creek, in Harrison county, now in West Virginia, July 8, 1817, and was about thirteen years of age when he came to Champaign county with his parents in 1829 and settled in Rush township. His first term of schooling in this county was had at the village schools in Mechanicsburg and he thereafter attended the district school in the vicinity of his home at Brush lake. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant to his father and brother in the labors of clearing and developing the home farm and upon his father's retirement from the active labors of the farm, he and his brother, Webster, bought the same. This farm he later sold to his brothers and his last days were spent at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Everett, at North Lewisburg, where his death occurred on March 2, 1897. He was the owner of seven hundred acres of land, and was a stockholder in the Bank of North Lewisburg.

William Glendenning was twice married. In 1842 he was united in marriage to Susan Black, who died in 1850, leaving five children, namely: John W., who served for three years as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company H, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he enlisted on July 2, 1862, serving to the close of the war, married Sarah Foster; Amy A., who married James Rudisell and after a sometime residence in Illinois returned to Champaign county and here died in 1877; Mary E., who married Sibley Coates and is living in Rush township, this county; Delilah, who died young, and Thomas J., who died at the age of two years. After the death of his first wife William Glendenning married Mary Hawkins, who was born in New Hampshire on January 23, 1825, and who died in this county on September 16, 1903, while living with her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Spensely, of North Lewisburg. To that union were born eight children, the others, exclusive of William P., being as follow: Margaret J., who died at the age of twelve years; Levi H., who died at the age of three years; James M., a farmer of

Rush township and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Martha C., wife of W. H. Everett, of Union township, this county; Ada B., who died at the age of five years; Abraham L., a farmer of Rush township and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and Jennie M., who on December 12, 1888, was united in marriage to Lonsdale P. Spensely and is now living at North Lewisburg, this county. Lonsdale P. Spensely was born in Medina county, this state, November 24, 1849, son of Ray and Ann (Falshow) Spensely, natives of England, who were married there and in 1848 came to the United States, locating in Medina county, this state, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the former dying in 1862 and the latter in 1900. Ray Spensely and wife were the parents of six children, of whom Lonsdale Spensely was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Annie, born in England, who married Hiram Lackey and is now living in Lawrence county, Indiana; James, who married Alice Veroman and is living on the old home farm in Medina county; Rachel, who married A. F. Taylor and lives on a farm west of Urbana, this county; Royal F., who was a veterinary surgeon and who died on the old home place in Medina county, and another son, who died in youth. In 1884 Lonsdale Spensely came to Champaign county and six years later bought a farm in Mad River township, where he lived for fourteen years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought the McFarland farm in Rush township, where he remained until retirement in 1900 and removed to North Lewisburg, where he is now living.

William P. Glendenning grew to manhood on the home farm in Rush township, receiving his schooling in the schools of district No. 4, and has always lived on the home place. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, making a specialty of Percheron horses, Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, and has done very well in his operations, long having been regarded as one of the substantial farmers of that neighborhood. Mr. Glendenning is a Republican and has rendered public service as a member of the school board for several years.

On November 15, 1889, William P. Glendenning was united in marriage to Anna Curran, who also was born in Rush township, this county, daughter of James and Mary (Spollen) Curran, the former a native of England and the latter of Ireland, who were married in England and who came to the United States in 1867, settling in this county. For two years after coming to Champaign county James Curran made his home at Woodstock and then settled on a farm one-half mile east of that village, where he spent

the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on September 30, 1912, he then being seventy-three years of age. His widow is now living at Woodstock. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Glendenning was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: John and James, twins, the former of whom is now living at Milford Center and the latter of whom for the past twenty-four years has been a conductor on the Erie railroad, with headquarters at Toledo; William, who is a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, with headquarters at Columbus, and Margaret, who married P. J. Hannegan and is living at Urbana.

To William P. and Anna (Curran) Glendenning five children have been born, namely: Hazel, wife of Harry Earl Cranston, a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Westville; Ralph, who is home, assisting his father in the management of the farm; Helen and Ruth, twins, the former of whom died in infancy and the latter of whom is the wife of W. T. Augar, of Urbana, and Paul, at home, who was graduated from the North Lewisburg high school with the class of 1917. The Glendennings have a very pleasant home and have ever taken a proper part in the general social affairs of the community in which they live. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an interested part in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works.

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#### CYLE BRIGHT HANNA.

Cyle Bright Hanna, a well-to-do retired farmer and former trustee of Concord township, now living at Urbana, is a native of Virginia, but has been a resident of this county since he was thirteen years of age. He was born on a farm in Nicholas county, Virginia, in April, 1854, son of Moses and Sarah (Kellison) Hanna, both also natives of the Old Dominion, the former born in Nicholas county and the latter in Pocahontas county.

Moses Hanna was a farmer and stock dealer and died at his home in Virginia not long after the close of the Civil War. He was twice married. By his first wife, Sarah Kellison, he was the father of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: Nathan, deceased; Elijah J., a retired merchant of Urbana, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; David, who died during the Civil War, and Elizabeth, of Kanawha county, West Virginia. Upon



the death of the mother of these children Moses' Hanna married Martha Hinkle, of Nicholas county, Virginia, and to that union one child was born, a son, Abraham L., who is living on the old home place in Nicholas county.

Cyle B. Hanna had small opportunities for schooling in his boyhood, there being at that time no organized schools in the vicinity of his home in Nicholas county, now a part of West Virginia. When he was thirteen years of age he came over into Ohio to make his home with his elder brother, Elijah J. Hanna, mentioned above, who was engaged in the mercantile business in Concord township, and until his marriage when twenty-one years of age was engaged working as a farm hand in that vicinity. After his marriage Mrs. Hanna began farming on his own account and was thus engaged in the townships of Salem, Concord and Mad River until his retirement from the farm in April, 1916, and removal to Urbana, where he and his wife are now living and where they are very comfortably situated. Mr. Hanna is the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land and during his long residence on the farm did very well, in addition to his general farming having given considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock. During his residence in Concord township he served for some time as trustee of that township and in other ways gave his intelligent attention to local public affairs.

It was on March 3, 1875, that Cyle B. Hanna was united in marriage to Margaret Nichols, of Westville, this county, a daughter of Augustus and Mary Ann (Hoak) Nicholas, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in this county, a member of one of the old families in the Westville neighborhood. Augustus Nichols grew up in his native Virginia and when a young man walked over into this part of Ohio and settled in Champaign county, locating at Westville, where he opened a shoe store and was engaged there as a shoemaker until he later bought a farm in Concord township, where he remained engaged in farming the rest of his life. Augustus Nichols and wife were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Hanna was the second in order of birth, the others being Laura A., deceased; Mrs. Mary L. Bowman, of Edna, Kansas; John Henry, deceased, and E. E. Nichols, of Columbus, this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Hanna two children have been born, Emmet C., who died in 1900, at the age of twenty-six years, and Pearl S., wife of Vatia Offenbacher, who is now farming Mr. Hanna's farm in Mad River township. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church work and other good works.



## WILLIAM B. DALLAS.

William B. Dallas has been satisfied to spend his life on the homestead, "under the roof that heard his earliest cry," rather than seek uncertain fortune elsewhere. He was born on the farm he now lives on, May 4, 1854. He is a son of William S. and Elizabeth W. (Boyd) Dallas, both natives of Big Springs, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, the father born in 1809 and the mother in 1808. His parents brought him to Greene county, Ohio, in 1810, but the family remained there only a short time. William S. Dallas was a son of Judge James and Isabelle (Sprote) Dallas, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively. James Dallas immigrated to America when a young man and located in Pennsylvania, where he married and engaged in farming until 1810, in which year he moved to Greene county, Ohio, later removing to Champaign county, locating on a farm on the state road. He was industrious and a good manager and became owner of over four hundred acres. He was one of the leading farmers of the county in pioneer times. In 1847 he was appointed by the state Legislature as an associate judge of Champaign county. He also served as county commissioner, holding that office when the present court house was built. He also helped build the state road, which connects Cincinnati with Cleveland. He took an active part in public affairs and did much for the early development of the county.

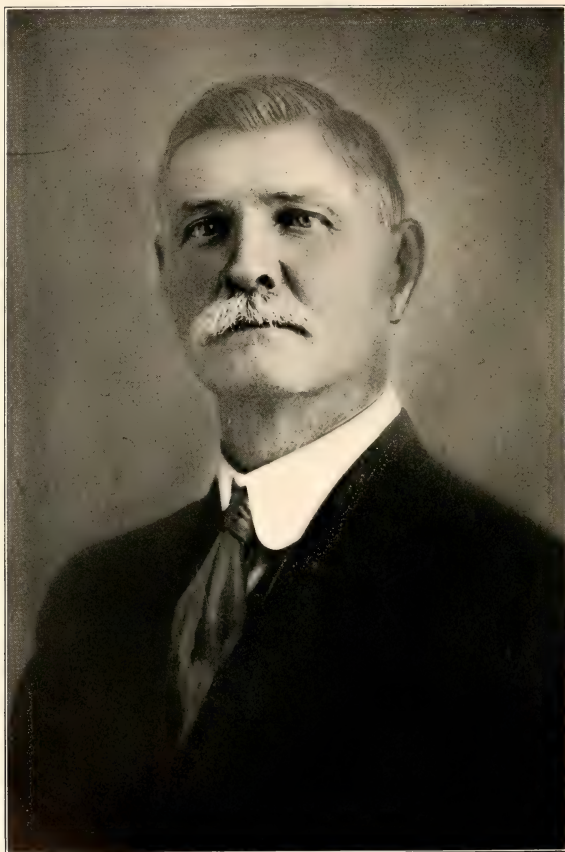
To Judge James Dallas and wife nine children were born, namely: William S., father of the subject of this sketch; Nancy J., Isabelle, Wilson, Samuel, James, Lemuel, Elizabeth and Rachael.

William S. Dallas grew to manhood on the home farm and he attended the early-day schools here. He devoted his life to farming in Urbana township, becoming owner of a fine farm of four hundred and thirty-two acres. He was one of the progressive and influential citizens of the township. His family consisted of five children, namely: Belle married Rev. Rufus Johnson; Martha is deceased; James lives in Springfield, Ohio; Jennie, who is deceased, was the wife of Ben Blair; and William B. of this sketch.

William B. Dallas grew to manhood on the home farm and attended the district schools. After his marriage, he took up farming for himself, remaining on the home place, which he rented, but he later bought fifty-two acres of the same, which he has kept well improved and well tilled.

Mr. Dallas was married, on December 5, 1889, to Lottie M. Hutchinson, and to their union four children have been born, named as follows:





WILLIAM B. DALLAS



MRS. LOTTIE M. DALLAS





MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM S. DALLAS.





Russell, Boyd, Hazel and Ross. The daughter is the wife of Frank Nichols and they have one child, Virginia Margaret Nichols.

Politically, Mr. Dallas is a Republican, and he is a member of the United Presbyterian church. The Dallas family has been one of the best known in Champaign county since pioneer days and have been influential in local affairs.

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### FRED B. SMITH.

Fred B. Smith, treasurer of the village of Woodstock, formerly engaged in the mercantile business there and a substantial landowner of Rush township, now living retired at Woodstock, was born in that village on April 5, 1860, son of Curtis and Mary R. (Bennett) Smith, the former of whom also was born at Woodstock and the latter in the state of Vermont.

Curtis Smith was a son of Elias and Huldah Smith, natives of Vermont, the former of whom was a son of Philip Smith and wife, Fairzona, who came to this county from Vermont and settled on what is now the site of the village of Woodstock, where they established their home. Elias Smith and wife had three sons, of whom Curtis Smith was the first-born, the others being Philip A. and Erastus Smith, who became substantial farmers of the Woodstock neighborhood and there spent their last days. Reared on the home farm at Woodstock, Curtis Smith received his schooling in the village school and at Antioch College and remained on the home farm, an industrious and energetic farmer, all his life. During the progress of the Civil War he served as a member of the Home Guards. He was a staunch Republican, but was not an office seeker. Elias Smith was one of the organizers of the Christian church at Woodstock and took an active interest in the various beneficences of the same, as well as in the general good works and social affairs of the community. Curtis was an active member of the old Woodstock Cornet Band. Curtis Smith died in 1864, leaving a widow and two sons, the subject of this sketch having had a brother, Orvis Smith, who died in 1900. Orvis Smith was for years a well-known music teacher in this county. He married Florence Bryan. Some time after his husband's death the Widow Smith married George W. Hutchinson and moved to Missouri, later going to Kansas, but later returned to Woodstock, where she spent her last days, her death occurring there at the age of seventy-six years.

Fred B. Smith was but four years of age when his father died and he

was reared in the home of his Grandfather Smith on the old Smith home place, where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age, when he married Winnie Standish, of Woodstock, a member of one of the old families of Champaign county, further and fitting mention of which family is made elsewhere in this volume. After his marriage Mr. Smith began farming on his own account at Fountain Park and there remained, actively engaged in farming, until 1903, when he became engaged in the mercantile business at Woodstock in partnership with Frank W. Smith; continuing thus engaged until his retirement from business in 1916. Mr. Smith is the owner of a fine home in Woodstock and an excellent farm of one hundred and forty acres in Rush township. He is a Republican and has served as a member of the local school board and is the present treasurer of the village.

To Fred B. and Winnie (Standish) Smith three children have been born, Ella M., wife of William L. Morse, of Columbus, Ohio; Ruby W., wife of Herbert Clark, of Woodstock, and Huldah, who is at home with her parents. The Smiths are members of the Universalist church and take an interested part in the affairs of the same. Mr. Smith is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Woodstock and has long taken a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

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### JONATHAN S. NEER.

Jonathan S. Neer, mayor of Mechanicsburg and one of the best-known dairy farmers in Champaign county, was born in Pleasant township, in the neighboring county of Clark, March 25, 1851, son of Joseph Coffey and Dorothy (Smith) Neer, natives of that same county and members of pioneer families in this section, the former of whom, an honored veteran of the Civil War, spent his last days in this county and the latter of whom died in Kentucky.

Joseph Coffey Neer also was born in Clark county, February 7, 1829, son of Enos and Sarah (Coffey) Neer, the latter of whom was the first white child born in Pleasant township, that county. Enos Neer was a Virginian, born in Loudoun county, who came to this section of Ohio with his parents when a boy and grew up in Clark county, where he married, established his home in Pleasant township, that county, became a substantial farmer of that neighborhood and there spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years. His widow did not long survive him, her

death occurring in the seventy-ninth year of her age. They were earnest members of the Methodist Protestant church and took a prominent part in the work of creating proper social conditions in the early days of the settlement of the community in which they had their home. They were the parents of three children, Joseph Coffey Neer having had a brother, Nathan, who was a farmer in Clark and Champaign counties, and a sister, Jane, who was the wife of Newton Lemmon, of Clark county, and who died in Indiana.

Being the eldest of the children in his family, Joseph C. Neer was kept pretty busy on the home farm in the days of his boyhood, the task of clearing the place being no inconsiderable one, and he received but a limited education. During the progress of the Civil War he enlisted, in 1864, and went to the front as a member of the Sixteenth Ohio, with which command he served for nine months, the greater part of which time was spent on guard duty in the city of New Orleans. He had married when little more than twenty years of age and he continued to make his home in Clark county until 1868, when he came up into Champaign county and settled on a farm in Goshen township, about three miles from Mechanicsburg, where he lived for nine years, at the end of which time he went to Kentucky, where he bought a farm and where he lived until some little time after his wife died there, when he disposed of his interests in that state and returned to this county, locating at Mechanicsburg, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in May, 1902, he then being seventy-two years of age. He was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and he and his wife were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Sarah Margaret, who died unmarried; Albert K., who is connected with the offices of the International Harvester Company at Columbus; Fred, who is engaged in the creamery business at Milford Center, in the neighboring county of Union; Maude, wife of Clinton Hunter, a farmer living near Mechanicsburg, and Nettie, wife of Elmer Whitmore, now living in California.

Reared on the home farm in Goshen township, Jonathan S. Neer received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and supplemented the same by a course in the Ohio Normal College at Lebanon, Ohio. At the age of twenty-two, after his marriage, he began farming on his own account, renting a farm in Goshen township, where he made his home for eighteen years, at the end of which time he bought a farm in that township and there resided until the time of his appointment, in 1910, as a member of the board of land appraisers, when he moved to Mechanicsburg, where

he ever since has made his home and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Despite his retirement from the active labors of the farm, Mr. Neer continues to maintain one of the finest herds of dairy cattle in the state, having more than sixty head of fine Jersey stock, and also gives considerable attention to the raising of hogs. It was in 1896 that he began to pay special attention to dairying and he ever since has devoted close attention to that phase of farming, long having had an excellent dairy on his place near Mechanicsburg. In addition to his service as land appraiser Mr. Neer has given considerable attention to public affairs in other directions, having served for some years as a member of the school board, and is now serving as mayor of Mechanicsburg, to which important executive position he was elected in November, 1915.

It was on October 28, 1875, that Jonathan S. Neer was united in marriage to Emma Darling, a school teacher of this county, who was born in Goshen township, city of Mechanicsburg, a daughter of Sanford and Sarah (Riddle) Darling, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of this county, who were well-to-do farming people of Goshen township. Sanford Darling and his wife were the parents of four children, those besides Mrs. Neer being Charles, deceased; Harry Darling, former mayor of Mechanicsburg, who is engaged in the blacksmith business in that city, and James, who was killed in a railway wreck in the South.

To Jonathan S. and Emma (Darling) Neer six children have been born, namely: Ethel, who was class instructor in the Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton and who died at the age of thirty-four years; Dorothy, who also was trained in hospital work and is now superintendent of the Robin Hood Hospital at Toledo, having had a varied service in hospital work, including four years in the City Hospital at Cincinnati, head nurse in the hospital at Springfield for ten years, one year as superintendent of a hospital at Colorado Springs, Colorado, and a period as assistant superintendent of the New Haven Hospital at New Haven, Connecticut; Frank, who died at the age of seven years; Charles, who took a course in the State Agricultural College and is now operating his father's dairy farm in Goshen township, who married Willora Pratt and has two children, Elizabeth and Virginia; Alice, a former student of the Ohio State University, who married Wilbur Morgan, of Marysville, this state, and has one child, a daughter, Margaret, and Dorris, a graduate of Ohio State University, who is now engaged as a teacher of domestic science in the schools of Columbus. The Neers are members of the Methodist Protestant church, in the various beneficences of which they take a proper interest. Mr. Neer is a member of

the Grange and has long taken an active interest in the affairs of that organization. His son, Charles Neer, also is a member of the Grange and is likewise a member of the Mechanicsburg lodge of Masons, taking an active interest in the affairs of both of these organizations; he also is a member of the school board. Mr. Neer is a public-spirited and energetic business man and his service as mayor of Mechanicsburg has proved very satisfactory to the people of that progressive and hustling little city.

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### HENRY P. GAVER.

Henry P. Gaver, former trustee of Union township and the proprietor of a farm of ninety-six acres on which he is now living retired, in that township, is a native of the state of Maryland, but has been a resident of Ohio since 1883. He was born in Fredericks county, Maryland, August 11, 1853, son of John P. and Elizabeth (Kleine) Gaver, both natives of that same county, who spent all their lives there. John P. Gaver, who was a farmer, was a son of Peter Gaver, a native of Germany, who located in Fredericks county, Maryland, upon coming to this country and there became an extensive landholder, owner at one time, it is said, of all the northern half of that county. Peter Gaver was a man of unbounded hospitality and generosity and it is said that he gave away all but a small portion of his land to deserving families of the community in which he lived. John P. Gaver and wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom eight are still living, John T., George T., Elias, James L., Charles L., Henry P., Louisa and Rebecca.

Reared on the home farm in Fredericks county, Maryland, Henry P. Gaver received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and early learned the cooper's trade, following that trade during the winters and farming during the summers and was married there in 1877. In 1883 he came to Ohio and began working as a cooper at Dayton, later starting as a tobacco farmer in that vicinity, and remained there until 1887, when he moved to a farm in Miami county. Four years later he moved to Parke county and was there engaged in truck gardening for several years, at the end of which time he came to Champaign county and rented a farm in Salem township, making his home there for five years. He then bought the farm of ninety-six acres in Union township on which he is now living and continued engaged there in general farming until after the death of his wife in the spring of 1916, since which time he has been living retired from the active labors of the farm,

though continuing to make his home there. Mr. Gaver has a well-improved farm, having two sets of buildings on the place, and is one of the substantial citizens of that section of the county. He is a Democrat and has taken an interested part in the civic affairs of the community and served for some time as trustee of Union township.

In 1877, in Maryland, Henry P. Gaver was united in marriage to Catherine Hurley, daughter of Moses and Mahala (Stottlemeyer) Hurley, and to this union eleven children were born, namely: Charles, who married Myrtle Geyton and has four children, Melvia, Bernice, Cecil and Thelma; Luther, who married Margaret Moody and has one child, a son, Kenneth; Minta, wife of Frank Woods; Della, who married Dr. David Bowen and has four children, Catherine, Rollin, Ruth and Carris; Maud, who married Howard Mumma and has four children, Mildred, Margaret, Richard and Edgar; Grover, who married Glenna Eiselstein and has one child, a son, Donald; Bert, who married Nellie Williams and has three children, Christina, Leona and a son; Walter, who married Mabel Faulk and has two children, Mary and a daughter, and Clarence, Gladys and Marjorie. The mother of these children died in April, 1916.

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#### THOMAS B. OWEN.

Thomas B. Owen, head of the law firm of Owen, Ware & Owen at Urbana and former probate judge of Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the village of Mechanicsburg on July 13, 1867, son of William B. and Sarah P. (Bond) Owen, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in the state of Virginia. William B. Owen located at Mechanicsburg, where he became engaged in the mercantile business and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1897, he then being eighty-one years of age. He was a leader in the Republican party in this county and held several public offices at one time and another. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church and were ever active in local good works. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Mrs. Callie Bond, Q. V., A. P. (deceased), O. T., of Indianapolis; W. B., of Mechanicsburg, and Mrs. Lillian Matt. The mother of these children is still living at her home in Mechanicsburg.



Upon completing the course in the high school at Mechanicsburg, Thomas B. Owen began teaching school in Union and Wayne townships and was thus engaged for seven years, meanwhile giving his leisure to the study of law under the able preceptorship of Judge E. P. Middleton at Urbana, and in 1896 was admitted to the bar. In that same year he opened an office for the practice of his profession at Mechanicsburg and in 1901 formed a partnership with T. B. Ware, of that place, which mutually agreeable arrangements continues to this day, and he remained in practice until in February, 1903, when he moved to Urbana to enter upon the duties of the office of probate judge of this county, to which he has been elected as the nominee of the Republicans of Champaign county and he ever since has remained a resident of that city. For six years Judge Owen served as judge of probate and he since has been engaged in general practice. In June, 1915, the old established law firm of Owen & Ware received an addition in the person of Judge Owen's son, Marion Owen, a graduate of the law school of Ohio State University, who was admitted to the bar in that month, and the firm has since been known as Owen, Ware & Owen. Judge Owen is an ardent Republican and has for years been an active campaigner in behalf of the principles of his party, one of the best-known and most effective "stump" speakers in the state, his services as a speaker being in wide demand. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Bank of Urbana and has long given his close attention to the general business affairs of the city and of the county at large. For years Judge Owen has been one of the most active promoters of the interests of the Champaign County Fair Association and is now serving as president of that association. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church in the general good works of their home town. Fraternally, Judge Owen is a Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias and in the affairs of these several fraternal organizations takes a warm interest.

On January 1, 1888, Judge Owen was united in marriage to Dollie McAdams, daughter of Samuel and Winnie (Thompson) McAdams, and to this union six children have been born, namely: William C., who died at the age of eighteen years; Marion, who is associated with his father and Mr. Ware in the practice of law, as noted above; Amelia, who married B. F. Miller, a well-known attorney-at-law at Urbana, and has one child, a son, Thomas Owen, and Benjamin F., Alice Irene and Dorothy. Marion Owen, junior member of the law firm of Owen, Ware & Owen, was born at Mechanicsburg and received his early schooling in the schools of that city.



later attending high school at Urbana and supplementing the course there by a course in Urbana University, after which he entered the law department of the University of Ohio and there pursued his studies for three years, at the end of which time, in June, 1915, and in that same month was admitted into partnership with his father and Mr. Ware and is now actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He is a member of the college fraternity Phi Gama Delta and continues to take an active interest in the affairs of that association. He married Edna Cone and has a very pleasant home in Urbana, he and his wife taking an active interest in the general social and cultural activities of their home town.

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### JOHN W. ROCK.

The late John W. Rock, a substantial landowner of Champaign county and for years one of the best-known and most successful live-stock dealers in the county, former county commissioner and at the time of his death, in 1915, a member of the public service commission of Urbana, was a native son of Champaign county and lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Union township on December 22, 1850, son of John W. and Amelia (Cope) Rock, who came to this county from Virginia and settled on a farm in Union township, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives. John W. Rock was an energetic farmer and a successful business man and became the owner of quite a large tract of land in that part of the county. Of the children born to him and his wife, five grew to maturity.

Reared on the paternal farm in Union township, J. W. Rock received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of improving and developing the home farm. After completing his schooling he continued thus engaged, farming with his father, and after the death of his parents he took over the old homestead farm of two hundred and eleven acres in Union township. He there remained successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until his removal in 1897 to Urbana, where he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in the live-stock business. In 1891 Mr. Rock had been elected a member of the board of county commissioners from his district and served in that important public capacity for six years, in the meantime continuing to develop his live-stock interests.



JOHN W. ROCK.



giving special attention to the raising of all kinds of livestock. Upon the completion of his term of public service he left the farm and moved to Urbana, where he ever afterward was engaged in the buying and selling of livestock, becoming one of the best-known and most successful dealers in that line in the county. Mr. Rock was an ardent Republican and ever gave his most earnest attention to local political affairs. In addition to serving as a member of the board of county commissioners, he for some time served as a member of the public service commission of Urbana and was serving in that latter capacity at the time of his death, on November 17, 1915. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow, and ever took an earnest part in church work. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the local council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

On September 12, 1875, J. W. Rock was united in marriage to Lucy E. Craig, who also was born in Union township, this county, a daughter of Vincent and Nancy (Symes) Craig, natives of Virginia, who were married in that state and later came to this county, settling in Union township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Vincent Craig was a successful farmer and became a well-to-do landowner. To Mr. and Mrs. Rock five children were born, Harry, Sylvester J., Francis, L. Laylian and Emil. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Rock has continued to make her home at Urbana, where she is very pleasantly situated. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as noted above, and has ever given her earnest attention to local good works.

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### WILLIAM M. WHITAKER.

William M. Whitaker, a retired carriage-maker living at Urbana, one of the best-known citizens of that city, an honored veteran of the Civil War and for years actively interested in the better affairs of his home city, is a native "Buckeye" and has lived in this state all his life, a continuous resident of Urbana since the summer of 1888. He was born on a pioneer farm in Miami county, near Piqua, this state, March 13, 1838, son of James Irvin and Mary A. (McClure) Whitaker, both also natives of Ohio, the former born in Warren county and the latter in Miami county, whose last days were spent in the latter county.

James Irvin Whitaker was a son of Jonathan Mitchell Whitaker, who

was born on March 10, 1785, and who was thrice married, his first wife having been Jane Irvin, grandmother of the subject of this sketch; the second wife, Ann McIntyre and the third, Mary ("Polly") Miller. He was the father of twelve children, of whom James I. was the first-born, the others having been as follow: Mary Ann, who married Alexander Morrow; Mary H., who died in childhood; Mary Jane, who also died young; William Mitchell, who married Sarah J. McCandless; Julia Ann, who died in youth; Sarah, who died unmarried; David Newton, who also died unmarried; Martha, who died unmarried; Jonathan M., who married Rebecca McCandless; Margaret, who died unmarried, and Mrs. Mary Jane Reeder. James I. Whitaker, who remained a farmer in Miami county all his life, was twice married and by his union with Mary A. McClure had three children, the subject of this sketch, the first-born, having two sisters, Margaret Jane, wife of John Syp, and Mary Elizabeth, wife of Henry Myers. After the death of the mother of these children he married Martha Wiley, by which second union he had one child, Sarah Agnes, who died unmarried in young womanhood.

William M. Whitaker was reared on a farm and remained at home there for a year after his father's death and then made his home with Jonathan Drake, near Piqua and there learned the carriage trade, remaining there until he was twenty-one years of age, when he went to Lima and there became connected with Robert Bowers in the carriage-making business and was thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. On August 29, 1862, Mr. Whitaker enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company H, Thirty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was with that command until it was mustered out at the close of the war, the history of his service during the war being practically a history of the movements of that regiment, with which he was constantly associated save for a brief time in the spring of 1864, when he was furloughed home on sick leave. On November 1, 1862, two months after his enlistment, he was promoted to the rank of corporal and on March 27, 1865, was made a sergeant. Mr. Whitaker was with his regiment during the siege of Vicksburg and upon the fall of that city was stationed there on garrison duty until March, 1864, when he was furloughed home on account of illness. He rejoined his regiment at Resaca, Georgia, participated in the battle at that place and was thereafter with Sherman's army during the Atlanta campaign until the fall of Atlanta, afterward being assigned to detail duty and was stationed at Nashville until Sherman reached Savannah. He then received orders to rejoin the command and hastening to New York by boat and by rail proceeded South, rejoining Sherman the day before the surrender of General Lee at Appomatox Court House. After-

ward Mr. Whitaker participated with his regiment in the Grand Review at Washington and was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, July 20, 1865.

During the time he was home on a furlough in the spring of 1864, Mr. Whitaker had sold his interest in the carriage factory and after his return to Lima upon the completion of his military service did not find conditions there wholly to his satisfaction and shortly afterward moved over to Sidney, where for nineteen years he made his home, being there engaged in carriage-making. In June, 1888, he moved to Urbana, where he engaged in the same line and was thus engaged there for twelve years, at the end of which time he retired from active business and has since then been taking things comparatively "easy". For several years after his retirement from business Mr. Whitaker served as local truant officer and has in other ways given his time to the public service. Mr. Whitaker is an active member of W. A. Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and for eight years served as adjutant of that patriotic organization. He is a member of the Baptist church and takes a proper part in church work and in the general good works of his home town. In 1869, at Lima, he became a Mason and since making his home at Urbana has been affiliated with the local lodge of that ancient order at that place.

In September, 1860, William M. Whitaker was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth McGrew, of Piqua, a daughter of Harvey McGrew, and to that union eight children were born, namely: Emma Harrison, born on October 20, 1861, who married George D. Deyo and died on December 5, 1913, leaving one child, a son, Harold; Edwin McClure Whitaker, of Anderson, Indiana, born on February 28, 1863, who married Jessie M. Berry and has one child, a son, Berry M., who is athletic director of Texas State University, and now is in the officers training camp at Leon Springs, Texas; Ida May, April 30, 1866, who married James M. Pearson and after his death married Henry S. Wernicke of Greencastle, Indiana, and died on June 25, 1915; Charles L., January 23, 1867, who married on June 15 of that same year; William Harvey, February 1, 1870, who died on June 15, 1876; Estella May, August 20, 1873, who married Frank S. Chance, freight agent for the Erie Railway Company at Urbana, and has two children, a son, Harry Whitaker, born on December 29, 1899, and a daughter, Helen Louise, March 5, 1903; Robert, December 27, 1874, who died on July 3, 1875, and Mary Elizabeth, January 15, 1878, who married Alfred C. Madden, a well-known traveling salesman of Urbana. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Whitaker died on September 9, 1909.



## KENDALL S. HAWK.

Kendall S. Hawk, former trustee of Union township, a former well-known teacher in this county and the proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred acres in Union township, where he has lived practically all his life, a portion of that farm having been the tract on which his father settled back in pioneer days, was born there on December 31, 1852, son of Jonathan and Margaret (Brunner) Hawk, natives of Chester county, Pennsylvania, who became pioneers of his county, settling in the woods of Union township, and here spent their last days.

Jonathan Hawk was reared to the trade of shoemaker at his home in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and followed that trade a good bit of his time after settling in this county. It was in 1840 that he and his wife came to Champaign county and settled in the Kings Creek neighborhood in Salem township, but a short time later he bought a tract of twenty-five acres, part of the land now owned by the subject of this sketch, in Union township, paying ten dollars an acre for the same, and there he spent the rest of his life. That tract at that time was wild woodland and Jonathan Hawk had to clear a spot for the erection of a log cabin on the same. He gradually cleared away the woodland and got the place under cultivation, though much of his time was given over to shoemaking, his shop proving a great convenience for the people of that vicinity. Both Jonathan Hawk and wife lived to ripe old ages. They helped to organize the Methodist Episcopal church at Montreal, Ohio. She died in 1897 and he survived until March 21, 1899. They were the parents of five children, of whom but two, the subject of this sketch and his sister Rebecca, are now living, the others having been Joseph L., Edward and Celesta.

Of the above-named children of Jonathan Hawk and wife, Kendall S. Hawk was the last-born. He grew up on the home farm in Union township, receiving his schooling in the old Yankee Hill school house, and for four years after leaving school taught school during the winters. He then attended a special course in penmanship and bookkeeping at Delaware College and for five or six years thereafter was engaged in conducting classes in penmanship and bookkeeping throughout Champaign and adjoining counties and achieved quite a distinctive reputation hereabout as an instructor in those branches. Upon deciding to give his whole attention to farming Mr. Hawk bought the old home place, which then consisted of fifty-four acres, and began farming on a practical scale, later increasing his holdings to include his pres-



ent fine farm of two hundred acres, in Union township. In addition to his general farming Mr. Hawk has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done well. He is an ardent champion of alfalfa culture and in the summer of 1917 had seventy acres planted to this valuable forage crop. Mr. Hawk is a Democrat and has served the public in the various capacities of land appraiser, school director and township trustee.

In 1886 Kendall S. Hawk was united in marriage to Mary McAdams, daughter of Samuel McAdams and wife, and to this union six children have been born, Howard, Florence, Merrill, Imo, Ruth and Agnes. Florence Hawk married Walter Jones and has two children, Richard and Robert. The Hawks have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the community's general social affairs.

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### JAMES M. GLENDENNING.

Elsewhere in this volume of biography there is set out at considerable length the history of the Glendenning family in Champaign county, one of the oldest and most widely and substantially representative families in the county, the family having been established here in 1829 by James Glendenning, grand father of the subject of this sketch, a native of Scotland, who came here with his family in 1829 from Virginia and settled on Brush lake, in Rush township, where he established his home and became one of the most substantial and influential pioneer farmers of that neighborhood. He and his wife, Mary D. Van Horn, were the parents of eight children, of whom William Glendenning was the second in order of birth. William Glendenning was born in Harrison county, Virginia, now comprised in West Virginia, July 8, 1817, and was about thirteen years of age when he came with his parents to this county. He grew up on the home farm in Rush township and there spent the rest of his life, becoming the owner of more than seven hundred acres of land, his death occurring there on March 2, 1897. He was twice married and was the father of thirteen children, five by his first marriage and eight by his second marriage; a list of these children and something regarding their lives being set out elsewhere in this volume, as noted above. The second wife of William Glendenning was Mary Hawkins, who was born in New Hampshire on January 23, 1825, and who died at her home in this county on September 16, 1903.

James M. Glendenning, first-born of the children born to William and

Mary (Hawkins) Glendenning, was born on the old Glendenning farm in Rush township on July 12, 1857, and received his schooling in the district schools of that neighborhood. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued aid in the work of developing and improving the home place and remained at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-four years, after which he located on a tract of one hundred and forty-eight acres, known as the William Gunn farm, a part of his present well-improved farm, in Rush township, and there established his home. Upon taking possession of that place he proceeded to remodel the house, built three barns and other essential farm buildings and otherwise improved the place. As he prospered in his affairs, Mr. Glendenning added to his land holdings until now he is the owner of a fine place of two hundred and eighty-three acres and one of the best and most up-to-date farm plants in that part of the county. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Glendenning has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done quite well, long having been regarded as one of the leading farmers of that neighborhood.

In 1881 James M. Glendenning was united in marriage to Carrie Finley, who was born in the neighboring county of Union, daughter of Joseph and Ann Finley, Virginians, and early settlers of Union county, and to this union three children have been born, Lloyd, Walter and Cleo, all of whom are at home. The Glennings have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper part in church work and in other neighborhood good works. Mr. Glendenning is a Republican and takes a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

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#### JASPER A. HESS.

The late Jasper A. Hess, for years one of the best-known farmers of Wayne township, this county, but who, about three years before his death in the summer of 1915, retired from the farm and moved to Cable, where his widow is still living, was a native son of Champaign county and here spent all his life. He was born on a farm in Wayne township on January 7, 1845, son of Capt. George and Eliza (Bowers) Hess, natives of Virginia, who were married in that state and later came over into Ohio and settled on a farm in Wayne township, this county, the remainder of their lives being spent here.

Capt. George Hess was for years prominent in the ranks of the Ohio State Militia and served for some time as captain of the local company of militia. He was the father of two children, the subject of this memorial sketch and another son, John. After the death of Captain Hess his widow married Dr. Gould Johnson, a prominent physician of this county, and by that marriage was the mother of one child, who died in infancy.

Reared on a farm in Wayne township, Jasper A. Hess received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was engaged in farming. After his marriage in 1867 he rented a farm and began farming on his own account, a few years later buying a small farm of thirty-seven acres and there established his home. He was an excellent farmer and as he prospered in his operations added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres, on which he continued to make his home until his retirement from the farm in 1912 and removal to Cable, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there on August 18, 1915. Mr. Hess was a Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but had not been included in the office-seeking class.

On January 1, 1867, J. A. Hess was united in marriage to Fidelia Townsend, who was born in the neighboring county of Clark, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Linville) Townsend, the former of whom was a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania, who later became well-to-do residents of this county. Joseph Townsend was born in the eastern part of the state and there grew to manhood, learning the carpenter's trade. He later came over into this part of the state and located in the Woodstock neighborhood, in this county, becoming engaged there in the carpenter business and while thus engaged helped to build some of the first houses in Cable. He married in Clark county and after living there about a year after his marriage returned to Champaign county and settled on a farm in the southwestern part of Wayne township, where he spent the rest of his life, farming and working as a carpenter. He became owner of quite an extensive tract of land and was accounted one of the substantial residents of that part of the county. Joseph Townsend and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Hess was the first-born, the others being Josephine, Adella, Emma, Ernest, Benjamin, Effie and Lydia. Mrs. Hess is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community in which she lives. Since the death of her husband she has continued to make her residence at Cable, where she is very pleasantly situated.

## WILLIAM H. MILLER.

William H. Miller, one of the most substantial retired farmers of Wayne township, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Warren county on May 19, 1842, son of John and Hannah (Green) Miller, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Warren county, this state. John Miller came to Ohio with his parents when he was thirteen years of age, the family settling in Warren county, where he grew to manhood, married and spent the rest of his life farming, his death occurring in 1888. His wife had preceded him to the grave many years, her death having occurred in 1847. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch and his brother, James, were the only ones to come to Champaign county. James died in 1909.

William H. Miller was but five years of age when his mother died. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Warren county, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood, and when twenty-one years of age, in 1863, came to Champaign county with his brother James and located on a farm that belonged to their father, in Rush township. There they remained two years, at the end of which time they moved up into Logan county and for a year were located on a farm in Zane township. William H. Miller then returned to Champaign county, having married meanwhile, and settled on the farm in Wayne township on which he is now living and where he ever since has made his home, being for many years one of the leading farmers and stockmen in that part of the county. Upon taking possession of that farm the place consisted of but ninety acres, but Mr. Miller was a progressive and energetic farmer and as he prospered in his farming and stock-raising operations he added to his holdings until he became the owner of more than six hundred acres and had created one of the best farm plants in the county. He continued actively engaged in farming until 1914, when he retired and is now "taking things easy," though continuing to make his home on the place which has been his place of residence for a half century and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. He is one of the most public-spirited men in the county and bears the reputation of doing more for other people than any other man in the county. Mr. Miller is a Democrat and has served as road supervisor for his district.

Mr. Miller has been twice married. In February, 1865, he was united

in marriage to Eliza Stokes, daughter of Daniel Stokes, and to this union one child was born, a son, Pearl Miller, who married Rose Lewis and has four children, Vaughn, Lorraine, Hubert and Vivian. Mrs. Eliza Miller died in 1901 and Mr. Miller later married Mrs. Lavina Jenkins, daughter of Jonathan and Sabina Morrison, of Chester county, Pennsylvania. The father was a blacksmith and wagon-maker, and also a bell-maker. Mrs. Miller has made a dice quilt during her lifetime containing four thousand nine hundred and forty blocks.

Mrs. Miller was born in 1840, in Madison county, at Plain City, then known as Pleasant Valley, and remembers when the local paper, *The Advocate*, was published by tread power operated by a large Newfoundland dog. *The Advocate* is now in the hands of the family, Mrs. Miller's niece, Mrs. Ollie Macklin, being the editor.

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### JAMES I. BLOSE.

James I. Blose, for years actively engaged in the grain, produce and general real-estate business at Urbana, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Mad River township, October 18, 1852, son of Daniel and Louisa (Colbert) Blose, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in this county.

Daniel Blose was but a boy when he came to this county from Virginia with his parents, Henry Blose and wife, and here he grew to manhood, became a farmer in Mad River township and there spent his last days, his death occurring at the age of fifty-five years. He was twice married and by his first wife, who was a Pierce, was the father of three children. His second wife, Louisa Colbert, mother of the subject of this sketch, was a daughter of John Colbert and wife, pioneers of this county. She survived her husband for many years, her death occurring in 1901.

Reared on the home farm in Mad River township, James I. Blose received his early schooling in the district schools of that neighborhood and supplemented the same by a course in Urbana University, after which he became employed in a clerical capacity in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Urbana and was thus engaged there for a year, at the end of which time he entered into a partnership with John C. Edmiston, under the firm name of Blose & Edmiston, to engage in the grain business at

Urbana; a connection which continued until his election six years later, in 1876, to the office of treasurer of Champaign county. He served two successive terms as county treasurer. Upon retiring from his office in the court house Mr. Blose resumed his former business calling, again engaging in the grain business at Urbana, and at the same time became a general produce merchant, which business he has continued to this day, long having been recognized as one of the leading grain and produce dealers in this part of the state; doing an extensive business in the buying and shipping of grain, feed, hay and general farm produce. In addition to this, Mr. Blose also for years has given considerable attention to the general real-estate business in and about Urbana, with particular reference to farm properties, and does an extensive business in that line.

On December 28, 1876, James I. Blose was united in marriage to Lucy Ann Straw, who was born in Cary, Wyandot county, this state, daughter of David Straw and wife, and to this union three children have been born, Corrin, Lucy and Helen. Mr. Blose is a Mason of high degree and takes an active interest in Masonic work, being a member of Harmony Lodge No. 8, Free and Accepted Masons; Urbana Chapter No. 34, Royal Arch Masons; Raper Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, at Urbana; of the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Dayton, and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Antioch Temple, at Dayton.

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### MARSHALL G. McWILLIAMS.

Marshall G. McWilliams, an honored veteran of the Civil War, former commander of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, and for years a craftsman in the railroad shops at Urbana, now living retired in that city, one of the best-known residents thereof, is a native "Buckeye" and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Berlin township, Delaware county, this state, August 17, 1845, son of Edward Marshall and Clarissa (Smith) McWilliams, both of whom were born in Warren county, New Jersey, the former in 1802 and the latter, August 11, 1826, whose last days were spent in this state.

Edward Marshall McWilliams was trained as a stonemason, but when he came to Ohio in 1826 he entered a tract of land in Delaware county, cleared the same, later established his home there and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on November 12, 1876. His widow sur-



vived him for fifteen years, her death occurring on July 10, 1891. They were members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were five of these children, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Smith, who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company H, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was for years a school teacher in Delaware county and city clerk of his home town, who died on January 13, 1916, aged ninety-five; Lydia J., who married Edward Gregory, of Delaware county; William, also a veteran of the Civil War, a member of the Forty-fifth Ohio, with which command he served for three years, fourteen months of which time he was held in durance vile in a Rebel prison pen, and who died in 1908, and Ann, who lives at Benton Harbor, Michigan, wife of William L. Moore, a veteran of the Civil War.

Marshall G. McWilliams grew up on the home farm in Delaware county and when sixteen years of age enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War, going to the front as a drummer boy in Company C, Fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Army of the Potomac. After eighteen months of service as a drummer he was made regimental postmaster and later was appointed brigade postmaster. After the battle of Gettysburg he was sent West and was in the battle of Lookout Mountain, later joining Sherman's army in the Atlanta campaign and then on to Savannah, and was present at the surrender at Goldsborough, North Carolina. Mr. McWilliams's service covered a period of three years and six months and he was mustered out at Baltimore at the close of the war in 1865.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. McWilliams returned to his home in Delaware county and remained there until 1867, when he went to Urbana and became engaged in the car shops there and was thus engaged as a carpenter, painter and car builder until his marriage in the summer of 1872, after which for three years he made his home on a farm in Urbana township. He then returned to Urbana, established his home there and resumed his place in the car shops, continuing thus engaged until his retirement from active labor in 1906, since which time he has been taking things comparatively "easy."

It was in June, 1872, that Marshall G. McWilliams was united in marriage to Mary A. Fulton, daughter of James W. and Ann (Flick) Fulton, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Clark county, this state. James W. Fulton was but eighteen years of age when he came to this county from Virginia. He presently bought a tract of land in Urbana township, established his home there, erected a large brick house and there spent the

remainder of his life. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were among the leaders in all good works in the community in which they lived. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. McWilliams having had two sisters, Catherine, who married Charles Laycock and is now deceased, and Fannie, who died at the age of eighteen years. Mrs. McWilliams is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Urbana. Mr. McWilliams is an active member of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and was commander of the same for three years. Marshall G. and Mary A. (Fulton) McWilliams had one child, a daughter, Fannie, who married Earl Shofstall, now residing in Urbana. They have two children, Ethel, who married Dr. Chauncey North, a dentist at Akron, and Kenneth.

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### BENONI R. WILSON.

Benoni R. Wilson, a veteran of the Civil War and one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial farmers, now living practically retired at Urbana, which has been his place of residence since 1902, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm two and one-half miles southwest of St. Paris, in Jackson township, August 24, 1843, a son of John and Margaret (Johnson) Wilson, the former of whom was born in this state and the latter in Virginia, whose last days were spent on their farm in Jackson township.

John Wilson was born on Buchanan's Hill, in Butler county, this state, December 8, 1804, a son of Andrew and Jemima (Robins) Wilson, the former of whom was born in the old fort at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and the latter in Butler county, this state. In 1807 Andrew Wilson came up into Ohio and settled on Lost creek, ten miles east of Troy, in Miami county, and remained there five years, at the end of which time he went over into Indiana and settled on a half section of land he had traded for in Owen county. He later returned to Ohio with his family and settled on a farm at the head of Honey creek, one mile north of Christianburg, in Jackson township, this county, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of nine children, Benoni, Sarah, John, Samuel, Abigail, Robert R., Ann, Elizabeth and Andrew.

By the time he was seventeen years of age John Wilson had cleared five acres of land and had thus earned his father's permission to leave home and start out on his own account, and in 1821 went over into Indiana and

in Owen county, that state, began working in the general store and still-house of a Mr. Bigger. While thus employed he was required to make a trip of twenty-five miles with an ox-team to a salt-works in the middle of winter and on the trip both of his feet were severely frozen. He later made a trip to New Orleans on a flatboat with stuff for the Southern market and while in that city saw oysters for the first time. He was told that for twenty-five cents he could have all the oysters he could eat and he tackled the proposition, but after downing the first oyster concluded that he had had his money's worth and from that day forward never again ate an oyster. In 1825 he returned to this county and located at St. Paris, where he remained until his marriage in 1831 to Margaret Johnson, who was born in Giles county, Virginia, November 13, 1804. After his marriage he located two and one-half miles south of St. Paris and there entered on a contract to split rails for twenty-five cents a hundred. He later bought a tract of land near there, paying five dollars an acre for the same, and on that tract established his home and spent the remainder of his life. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Honey Creek Baptist church. They had two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Elizabeth Jane, who died at the age of eleven years.

Benoni R. Wilson was reared on the home farm in Jackson township and received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. From the days of his early boyhood he was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home farm. On May 2, 1864, then being but twenty years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union army, a member of Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served for three months, that command being then stationed at Point of Rocks, on the James river in Virginia. Upon the completion of his military service he returned home and after the death of his parents came into possession of the home farm, where he continued to live until 1902, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Urbana, where he and his wife are now living, though most of their winters are spent in Florida or California. Mr. Wilson has been successful in his farming operations and has a well-improved farm of three hundred and two acres. He has also given considerable attention to the raising of fine horses and a good grade of cattle, long having been recognized as one of the leading stockmen in the southwestern part of the county. He is a member of the board of directors of the Urbana Canning Company and has other interests. Mr. Wilson is a Republican and has served as a member of the county cen-

tral committee of that party, as well as a frequent delegate to the county conventions of his party.

On February 21, 1867, Benoni R. Wilson was united in marriage to Mary Frances Maxey, who was born near South Charlestown, a daughter of John and Charity (Starr) Maxey, the former of whom also was born at South Charlestown and the latter at Xenia, this state. John Maxey, who was born in 1814, was a farmer and extensive stockman at South Charlestown and lived there all his life. He was a Republican and served for some time as a member of the board of county commissioners from his district. He died in 1877 and his widow, who was born in 1821, survived him for about five years, her death occurring in 1882. They were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom Mrs. Wilson was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Stephen William, of South Solon, this state; Elizabeth, who for more than thirty years served as a missionary in Calcutta, Indiana; Laura, who is living at London, this state, widow of George Cannon; Charles S., of Fresno, California, and John W., deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have one daughter, Laura Jane, who married Dr. C. B. Forward, of Urbana, and has one child, a daughter, Frances Lottie. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson retain their membership in the Honey Creek Baptist church and have for years been active in church work, as well as in all neighborhood good works. Mr. Wilson is a member of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, and takes an active interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

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#### FREDERICK W. AMBROSE.

Frederick W. Ambrose, former superintendent of the Urbana water-works plant, for many years assistant cashier of the Champaign National Bank in that city and for years clerk of the city school board, now living practically retired at his pleasant home in Urbana, is a native son of that city and has lived there all his life. He was born on November 22, 1849, son of Newton and Alice Ann (Ward) Ambrose, both of whom were born at Urbana, the former on June 6, 1819, and the latter, October 16, 1830, who were for many years among the best-known residents of Urbana, Newton Ambrose having been postmaster there during the sixties.

Newton Ambrose was a son of Frederick Ambrose, who was born in Frederick county, Virginia, and who came to Ohio in 1799, settling on the Mad river, in that part of the state later comprised within the bounds of Champaign county. When Urbana later was laid out he moved to town and there started a pottery. He also was somewhat engaged in the mercantile business, was quite active in local politics and served as one of the early sheriffs of the county. Frederick Ambrose was twice married, his first wife having been Jennie Tanner, of Irish descent, and his second wife, Mary Poff, of Kentucky. By his first marriage he was the father of nine children and by the second marriage, six children. Newton Ambrose grew up at Urbana and his first employment was as a bookkeeper in a mercantile establishment. He later was engaged in the mercantile business on his own account and also for some time was engaged in the manufacture of glue. During the years 1860-68 he served as postmaster of Urbana and was for years one of the local leaders of the Republican party in this county. His death occurred in 1884 and his widow survived him for fourteen years, her death occurring in 1898. They were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follows: Mary E., wife of B. F. Ganson; Alice, widow of Thomas Sullivan, of Tacoma, Washington; Margaret, wife of Edward H. Houtz; Emma, who is making her home with her brother, Frederick W.; Anna, wife of John Benedict, of Portland, Oregon, and Newton, who married and is now living at Winterhaven, Florida, where he is engaged as a traveling salesman.

Frederick W. Ambrose received his schooling in the schools of Urbana. Much of his youth was spent on a farm and he later became engaged in the United States postal service, being thus engaged for several years, at the end of which time he transferred his services to the local office of the United States Express Company and was thus connected until several years later, when he was appointed superintendent of the Urbana waterworks plant, a position he occupied for about twelve years, at the end of which time, in 1893, he was made assistant cashier of the Champaign National Bank of Urbana and was thus connected until his retirement in 1914. For twenty-three years Mr. Ambrose was clerk of the city school board and during that long period of service in behalf of the schools did much to advance the cause of education in the city, his membership on the school board having covered the period in which most of the present modern and highly efficient school plant was erected.

On November 18, 1895, Frederick W. Ambrose was united in marriage

to Kerin H. Patrick, who also was born in Urbana, daughter of E. B. Patrick, a well-known furniture manufacturer of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church work as well as in the general social activities of their home town, ever helpful in promoting such movements as are designed to advance the common welfare.

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### E. R. EARLE, M. D.

This is an age of specialists. There have been such gigantic strides in the scientific world during the past few decades that one man can no longer claim to be proficient in many lines of endeavor. This is especially true of the medical profession. One of the successful of the younger doctors of Champaign county is Dr. E. R. Earle, ear, eye, throat and nose specialist at Urbana.

Doctor Earle was born in Hopkins county, Kentucky, March 10, 1880. He is a son of Dr. Benjamin P. and Mary (Roberts) Earle, both natives of Kentucky, where they grew up, attended school and were married and established their future home. The father is a physician and is in the active practice of his profession near Dawson Springs, Kentucky, where he has long been well and favorably known.

Dr. E. R. Earle grew to maturity in Hopkins county, Kentucky, and there received a common-school education. Later he took a course in the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, in which institution he spent four years, making an excellent record and graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, with the class of 1902.

After leaving college, he located at Paducah, Kentucky, for the practice of his profession, and while there served as assistant surgeon of the Illinois Central Railroad Hospital for a period of six years and built up an extensive general practice in Paducah. Upon leaving that city he went to Vincennes, Indiana, and took a course in the Knapp Sanitarium, completing a special course of study in treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat. In 1911 he located in Urbana, Ohio, and has remained here to the present time, building up a very satisfactory and growing practice as a specialist.

Doctor Earle was married in 1908 to Elise Wright, a daughter of Dr. Charles O. Wright, and to this union one child has been born, Betty Isabelle Earle.

Doctor Earle is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society.





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the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Politically, he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Episcopal church and is a member of the vestry of the same.

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### WILLIAM M. GEHMAN.

When the House of Representatives of the eighty-first General Assembly of the state of Ohio in connection with the announcement of the death of Hon. William M. Gehman, late of Champaign county, formally resolved "that in the minds of the men who knew him his memory is imperishable, and that the community will not forget his life and service in the years to come," that distinguished body gave solemn utterance to a statement of exact fact; and when it further declared, in this same connection, that "the salvation of the American government lies in the product of such men; the preservation of our country lies in their service when with us, and the strength and inspiration of our youth lies in their memory after they have gone," it meant just what it said. Although those resolutions were adopted by a Legislature sitting twenty years after William H. Gehman had served in that body, there were many there who knew him well and all were familiar with his services to the state, so that with one mind they rejoiced in the ability thus to offer fitting testimony of the public's appreciation of the service he had rendered during the period of his activities in the public's behalf. For he had done well his part.

The late William H. Gehman, former representative in the Legislature from Champaign county and for many years a substantial farmer of this county, was a native son of this county and had lived here all his life, a continuous resident of the farm on which he was born and where his widow is still living, in section 16 of Salem township, the family home adjoining the village of King Creek, the farm lying at the edge of the village. He was born on October 23, 1851, son of the Rev. Benjamin W. and Elizabeth (Morris) Gehman, natives of Pennsylvania, who had settled in Champaign county in 1842, the year of their marriage, and here spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential members of the Kings Creek community, in which for many years the Rev. Benjamin W. Gehman labored as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and in which he also acquired a fine piece of farm property.

As noted above, the Rev. Benjamin W. Gehman was a native of the

old Kentucky state, born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1820, son of Benjamin W. and Magdalene (Weaver) Gehman, natives of that same state, the former born in that same county, a son of Benjamin W. Gehman, a Hanoverian, born in the kingdom of Hanover in 1741, who was but nine years of age when he came to this country with his parents in 1750, the family settling in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where the Gehmans have ever since been represented. The first Benjamin Gehman grew to manhood in that county, married there and established his home on a farm, spending the remainder of his life in that county. His son, the second Benjamin Gehman, grew to manhood on that farm and in 1800 married Magdalene Weaver. In 1813 he moved to the neighboring county of Berks and there established his home in an old house that had been built in 1774 and had been occupied as a block house during the Revolutionary War and during the subsequent Indian troubles. The stone walls of this house were three feet in thickness and the small barred windows and the doors of double thickness of stout oak planks rendered it impregnable against assault. In that house was born Benjamin W. Gehman, third, and there he lived until he was fourteen years of age, when his father sold a portion of the homestead tract, reserving that part of the farm lying in Lancaster county, where he erected buildings and where he spent the remainder of his life. The second Benjamin W. Gehman and his wife were the parents of nine children.

Early in life the third Benjamin W. Gehman began to "do for himself." At eleven years of age he was performing the duties of a teamster and was thus engaged until he was eighteen years of age, in the meantime picking up such schooling as the meager facilities in the educational way in his community afforded, and was then presented by his father with a horse. About that time, in 1837, there was a call for the assembling of a company to start from Iowa to lay out an overland route to Oregon. Young Benjamin determined to join that expedition and mounting his horse started for the Iowa country, at that time a part of the then vast Territory of Wisconsin, and rode through to the point of rendezvous. Upon his arrival there, however, he found that the expedition had been abandoned, there not having been a sufficient response to the call to form a company strong enough for the undertaking. Nothing daunted, however, he determined to continue his travels and before returning to his home in Pennsylvania made a tour of more than four thousand miles on horseback. When sixteen years of age, in January, 1836, he had united with the Methodist Episcopal church and had developed marked powers as an "exhorter," and in August, 1840, at

Morgantown, Pennsylvania, was licensed as an exhorter by the Methodist Episcopal conference. Two years later, in August, 1842, he married Elizabeth Morris and at once started for the West, with the intention of establishing his home in Iowa. Upon arriving in Champaign county, en route, he and his wife stopped to make a visit to the family of his brother-in-law, Mr. Zook, and while here his wife was taken seriously ill. The physician called in the case advised strongly against the continuance of the trip West, friends and kinsmen also joining in this advice and urging that the newly-married couple settle in this county, and Mr. Gehman decided to remain here. In pursuance of that determination he bought from the Rev. George W. Walker, a Methodist minister, a tract of two hundred acres in section 16 of Salem township, adjoining the Kings Creek settlement, paying for the same eleven dollars an acre, and there established his home, spending the rest of his life there, the place now occupied by the widow of his son, William M. Gehman. In 1848 the Rev. Benjamin W. Gehman was licensed as a preacher by the Methodist conference and in 1856, at Ripley, was ordained by Bishop Ames and continued actively engaged in the ministry of the Methodist church until his death, with a record of more than two hundred conversions during his ministry. He established the Methodist Episcopal church at Kennard (Forbes Chapel) and the Local Preachers' Chapel, three and one-half miles northeast of Urbana and for years was one of the best-known clergymen of that faith in this part of the state. He not only was successful in the ministry, but was successful in his farming operations and gradually increased his land holdings until he was the owner of a fine farm of five hundred and thirty acres at the time of his death in February, 1882. The Rev. Benjamin W. Gehman was twice married and by his first wife was the father of four children, Ella M., Anna M., Benjamin F. and William M. The mother of these children died on January 31, 1876, and on May 23, 1878, he married Helena Brown, daughter of J. C. Brown, who survived him.

William M. Gehman was reared on the home farm at Kings Creek and received his schooling in the local schools, in the Urbana high school, in Lancaster Academy and at the Ohio State University at Columbus, in which latter institution he spent three years. Upon leaving the academy he taught school for a while, earning money with which to enter the University, and upon completing his studies there resumed teaching and was thus engaged for eleven years, in the meantime spending his summers on the home farm. Retiring from the school room in 1880 he thereafter gave his attention to farming and after his marriage in the fall of 1882 established his home on

the old home place and there spent the rest of his life, becoming the owner of the farm, a fine place of five hundred and thirty acres, now owned by his widow, who continues to make her home there. Mr. Gehman died on March 2, 1915, and was sincerely mourned throughout the neighborhood in which he had spent his whole life, for he had been a good citizen, doing well those things his hands had found to do. In addition to his legislative services he had served for some years as trustee of Salem township, had helped to organize the Kings Creek Farmers' Institute in 1892, and was for six years president of that organization, and had in other ways taken an active part in the general affairs of his community, for years being regarded as one of the big "all-around" men of his generation in Champaign county.

Mr. Gehman was an ardent Republican and was for years one of the leaders of that party in this section of the state. In 1895 he was elected to represent this county in the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second General Assembly of the state of Ohio and served a term in the House with honor, his services on behalf of the public being rendered with such conspicuous ability and with so high a regard for the public good as to incur the opposition of a certain powerful element in the party and it is said that when he became a candidate for re-election in the succeeding campaign Marcus Hanna, the then leader of the Republican party in Ohio, sent three thousand dollars into Champaign county to defeat his candidacy. History, however, had a different view of Mr. Gehman's services to his state, and upon the announcement of his death in March, 1915, the Legislature, then in session, unanimously adopted the following resolution (H. R. 36), offered by the Hon. C. D. Conover, then sitting for Champaign county in the house: "Relative to the death and public services of Hon. William M. Gehman, of

Champaign county, a former member of the House of Representatives:

*Whereas*, William M. Gehman, of Champaign county, member of this House in the seventy-second General Assembly, has passed away; and

*Whereas*, as a member of the General Assembly and in the various places of public service Mr. Gehman gave unusual evidence of a broad and useful public spirit, and as a leader of public opinion in his section of the state;

*Whereas*, in his passing the state has lost the service of a useful and influential citizen and the community in which he lived has lost a dependable and patriotic friend; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, by the House of Representatives of the eighty-first General Assembly, that our sympathies are extended to the family of Mr. Gehman in their hour of bereavement, with the assurance that in the minds of the

men who knew him his memory is imperishable, and that the community will not forget his life and services in the years to come. The salvation of the American government lies in the product of such men; the preservation of our country lies in their service when with us, and the strength and inspiration of our youth lies in their memory after they are gone;

Resolved, That these resolutions be adopted by a rising vote, that they be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased."

On October 26, 1882, William M. Gehman was united in marriage to Martha E. Chance, who was born in Union township, this county, a daughter of William and Henrietta (Jones) Chance, both also natives of this state, the former born on a farm in the vicinity of Catawba, in Clark county, and the latter born in Union township, this county, and who settled in the latter township after their marriage. William Chance was a son of a native of Wales, who came to this country and located on a farm in the neighborhood of Catawba, in Clark county, this state, where he spent the remainder of his life. Upon establishing his home in this county after his marriage, William Chance bought what then was known as the Jones farm in Union township and there lived until 1893, in which year he retired from the farm and he and his wife moved to Urbana, where their last days were spent, his death occurring on November 22, 1904, and hers, August 6, 1912. They were the parents of eight children, four of whom are still living, Mrs. Gehman having a brother, Dr. Joseph Chance, of London, this state, and two sisters, Ella, wife of Frank Magrew, and Lulu, wife of William Berry. For some years before her marriage, Mrs. Gehman was a teacher in the public schools at Urbana. She was educated in the Urbana schools, under Prof. A. C. Deuel, and at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and upon completing her university course was recommended by Professor Deuel for a position on the teaching staff of the Urbana city schools and was thus serving at the time of her marriage to Mr. Gehman. To that union four children were born, namely: Morris, who since May, 1916, has been connected with the aviation service of the United States government, now stationed at New York, and who married Marie Miller and has three children, Gordon, Benjamin and Louis; Walter, now a student at Northwestern University at Evanston; Ruth, wife of Basil Sidders, of West Liberty, and Ralph, who is now managing the home farm for his mother and who married Elizabeth Walter and has one child, a daughter, Velma. Mrs. Gehman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was her husband, and has ever taken an interested part in the general good works and social activities of the



community in which she lives. Mr. Gehman was an active worker in the church and was for years one of the leading figures in the local Sunday school, his influence ever being exerted in behalf of the right training of the youth.

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### HAROLD W. HOUSTON.

Harold W. Houston, prosecuting attorney for Champaign county and one of Urbana's best-known and most successful young lawyers, was born in Urbana and has lived there all his life. He was born on January 18, 1886, son of Dr. Henry C. and Sarah (Warnock) Houston, both of whom also were born in this state, the former at Lebanon and the latter in this county, further and extended mention of whom is made in a memorial sketch relating to the late Dr. Henry C. Houston, presented elsewhere in this volume.

Dr. Henry C. Houston, who died at Urbana on January 8, 1916, was the son of Dr. William M. Houston, who moved from Lebanon to Urbana shortly after the close of the Civil War, in which struggle he had served as a surgeon of the Second Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, and who engaged in practice in Urbana and there spent the remainder of his life, his son having been in practice with him at the time of his death. The latter was but a lad when his parents located in Urbana and he early turned his attention to the study of medicine in his father's office. Upon receiving his degree from the Cleveland Homeopathic College he entered upon the practice of his profession at Urbana and was thus engaged the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having an elder brother, Dr. M. C. Houston, of Urbana, the third Doctor Houston in direct line in that city, and a sister, Helen, wife of Stockton, Raymond, of New York City.

Reared at Urbana, H. W. Houston was graduated from the high school in that city in 1905 and later entered the law department of Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1909. He was admitted to the bar in this county in June of that same year and immediately thereafter opened an office for the practice of his profession in his home city. In 1910 he was elected city solicitor, in which responsible capacity he served for two terms and in 1914 was elected prosecuting attorney for Champaign county. So satisfactory did his services in that office prove that he was re-elected in 1916 and is now serving his second term. Mr. Houston is a Republican and is looked upon as one of the leaders of his party in this county. In



addition to his official duties he has considerable interests in a commercial and industrial way in Urbana and is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank of Urbana, vice-president of the Urbana Ice Company and a member of the board of directors of the Urbana Furniture Company. Fraternally, Mr. Houston is a Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and in the affairs of these popular fraternal organizations takes a warm interest.

On September 14, 1912, H. W. Houston was united in marriage to Pauline Pratt, daughter of C. S. and Belle (Rogers) Pratt, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Janet. Mr. Houston is the teacher of the famous class No. 8 of the Sunday school of the Baptist church, a class which was organized by his late father many years ago and which is said to have been the first Sunday school class regularly organized as a Men's Bible Class in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Houston have a very pleasant home at Urbana and have ever given their close personal attention to the general social activities of their home town, helpful in many ways in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare hereabout.

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### JOHN H. SIEGLE.

John H. Siegle, sheriff of Champaign county and one of the best known and most popular residents of Urbana, is a native "Buckeye" and with the exception of the time spent in traveling during the considerable period of his life spent as a professional baseball player has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Urbana since he was three years of age. He was born in Franklin county, this state, July 8, 1874, son of John G. and Charlotte Siegle, the former of whom was born in that same county and the latter in Muskingum county, this state. John G. Siegle, who is a veteran of the Civil War, was trained to the trade of a broom-maker and in 1877 moved with his family to Urbana, where he became engaged in broom-making and where he still lives, now connected with the White-Valentine Broom Company.

Reared at Urbana, John H. Siegle received his schooling in the schools of that city, completing his schooling in the high school. He early learned the trade of broom-making and followed the same until 1900, in which year he took up professional baseball and was connected with the great American game for sixteen years. For five years he was connected with the New York State League of Baseball Clubs, for one year with the Cincinnati team of

the National League, for one year with the Indianapolis team of the American Association, for three years with Nashville, Tennessee, team in the Southern League, for a year manager of a team in Alabama, in 1913 manager of the Akron team and was then manager of the team at Huntington, West Virginia, until his retirement from the game, meanwhile continuing to regard Urbana as his permanent home. Mr. Siegle is a Republican and has long taken an active interest in local political affairs. For two years he served as deputy sheriff of Champaign county and in 1916 was elected sheriff. He entered upon the duties of that office on January 1, 1917, and is now serving in that capacity, one of the most popular officials about the court house.

In 1906 John H. Siegle was united in marriage to Ella C. Michael, daughter of Christopher and Rebecca Michael. Mr. and Mrs. Siegle are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Siegle is a Royal Arch and York Rite Mason, a member of the blue lodge, the chapter, the council (Royal and Select Masters) and the commandery at Urbana, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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### LUCIUS S. HOWARD.

One of the progressive and well-known business men of Champaign county is Lucius S. Howard, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Howard Paper Company of Urbana. He is a scion of a sterling old Southern family, and was born near Lebanon, Kentucky, where he grew to manhood and received his education, in part, later attending Central College at Danville, Kentucky. After leaving school he became connected with the Aetna Paper Mills at Dayton, Ohio, where he soon mastered the various phases of the paper business, and remained with that concern until he came to Urbana in 1909. He was one of the principal organizers of the Howard Paper Company, which began business in May, 1910, and which, under his able management and wise foresight, has had a steady and satisfactory growth and is now one of the well-known paper mills of the Middle West, employing from one hundred and fifty to two hundred people and working twenty-four hours a day. The demand for the products of this popular mill is always beyond the mill's capacity, owing to the high-grade work done there. The products of this mill are shipped all over the United States, also to many of the leading foreign countries of the world, including various

cities of South America, England, France, India and the Philippines. The plant is modern in all its equipment and has a capacity of seventy thousand pounds in twenty-four hours. The company's payroll is as large if not larger than any factory or other establishment in the city of Urbana. Excellent facilities are enjoyed, a spur of the Pennsylvania railroad being built to the plant. The Howard Paper Company is the largest manufacturer of one grade of bond paper in the United States. They make paper for the government, some of which is used in making stamped envelopes.

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### CHRISTIAN N. COUFFER.

The late Christian N. Couffer, an honored veteran of the Civil War, for years one of the best-known and most influential merchants of Urbana, former president of the Oak Saddlery Leather Company and one of the organizers of the Oak Leather Company, who died at his home in Urbana in 1916, was a native of the state of Pennsylvania, but had been a resident of this state since he was three or four years of age and of Urbana since the days of his young manhood. He was born in Mercerburg, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1847, son of William and Martha Couffer, both of whom were born in Ohio and who returned to this state from Pennsylvania about 1851 and located at Covington, where William Couffer engaged in the dry goods business and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives.

Reared at Covington, Christian N. Couffer received his schooling in the schools of that place and early acquired a liking for commercial pursuits. As a young man he located in Urbana and there started clerking in the shoe store of John Wallace, later working for A. E. Lewis in that same store and was thus engaged until he and W. W. Wilson bought the store and continued operating the same under a partnership arrangement for some time, Mr. Couffer acting as manager. While thus engaged Mr. Couffer became interested in the Oak Saddlery Leather Company and was made president of the same, a position he held until the concern finally went out of business. He later sold his shoe store and engaged in the dry goods business at Urbana, occupying the store room now occupied by the Powers dry goods store and remained engaged in that business until his retirement from business nineteen years later. Mr. Couffer also was interested in other business enterprises during his long connection with the affairs of Urbana

and was one of the organizers of the Oak Saddlery Leather Company. He was an ardent Republican and ever took an earnest interest in public affairs, but was not a seeker after office. During the Civil War Mr. Couffer had enlisted for three-months' service and he was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On March 24, 1875, Christian N. Couffer was united in marriage to Anna Pettit, who was born in the neighboring county of Miami, a daughter of Henry and Nancy Pettit, the former of whom was born in the state of New Hampshire and the latter at Dayton, this state. Henry Pettit came to this state from New Hampshire in the days of his young manhood and engaged in the mercantile business in Montgomery county, later moving to Troy, in Miami county, where he became a merchant and where he spent the rest of his life, for years serving as mayor of that city. To Mr. and Mrs. Couffer two children were born, a son, William N., who married Estelle M. Orewiler, and a daughter, Martha, who married J. Carr Robison. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Couffer has continued to make her home in Urbana, where she is pleasantly situated. She is a member of the Episcopal church, as was her husband, and has ever taken an earnest interest in church work and in other local good works.

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### JOHN H. P. STONE.

John H. P. Stone, one of the oldest and best-known citizens of Urbana and for many years assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank of that city, now living retired, was born in Frederick county, Virginia, March 30, 1829, son of Ferdinand and Mary (Pidgeon) Stone, both of whom also were born in that county. Ferdinand Stone, who was a miller, came to Ohio in 1847 and settled in this county, where he engaged in milling and where he spent the remainder of his life, both he and his wife dying in the eighties. He was a member of the Lutheran church and she was a member of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Samuel Stone, of Urbana; Dr. Joseph Stone, who was mortally wounded in a duel with Governor Bliss, of Montana, and who died at Denver, Colorado, he then serving as a member of the historic "rump" Legislature in Colorado; Ferdinand Stone, now deceased, who married Agnes Lee and was for years

engaged in the hardware business at Urbana, and Sarah, who died in her girlhood.

Reared in Frederick county, Virginia, John H. P. Stone completed his schooling in the Benjamin Halowell school at Alexandria, that state. He early had some experience as a clerk in a country store in his home county and then went to Baltimore, where he was engaged as a clerk in a store for two years, at the end of which time he returned to Virginia and started a store at Wadesville. In 1858 he disposed of his interests there and came to Ohio, locating at Urbana, where he became engaged as a clerk in William Young's hardware store and was thus engaged for several years, at the end of which time he was employed by Henry Weaver to open a dry-goods store at Urbana and was thus engaged as manager of that store for two years, then became a member of the firm of Rock, Colwell and Ellis, running a general dry-goods store. Then in 1882 he was made assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Urbana and continued thus connected until his retirement in 1909.

On February 10, 1864, John H. P. Stone was united in marriage to Sarah McDonald, of Urbana, daughter of Colon and Nancy (McCullick) McDonald, both of whom were born in this state, the former in Ross county and the latter in Logan county. Colon McDonald was one of the early dry-goods merchants of Urbana and later engaged in farming in the vicinity of that city, both he and his wife spending their last days in Urbana, prominent and influential residents of that community. They were members of the Presbyterian church and were ever helpful in local good works. Ten children were born to them, six of whom grew to maturity, those besides Mrs. Stone being as follow: Elizabeth, widow of Samuel M. Rock, of Urbana; Margaret, widow of Thomas McConnell, of Urbana; Colon, who is living at Columbus, this state; George, who died at Dubuque, Iowa, and Wilbur, a retired farmer, now living in Urbana.

To John H. P. and Sarah (McDonald) Stone four children have been born, namely: Mary Louise, a graduate nurse, at Forest Glen, Maryland; Nancy McDonald, wife of Bartley Whitaker, a wholesale druggist at Dayton, Ohio; Samuel M., who married Alice Bailey and is living at Hartford, Connecticut, where he is vice-president of the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Company, and Joseph E., who married Florence Foote and is living at Chicago, a salesman for the Stanley Rule and Level Company of New Britain, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are members of the Presbyterian church and have ever given proper attention to church work and the general social activities of

their home town, helpful in promoting all worthy causes hereabout. Mr. Stone is a Mason, a member of Harmony Lodge No. 8, Free and Accepted Masons, at Urbana, and for years has taken a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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### FRED COATES.

One of the leading farmers of Rush township, Champaign county, is Fred Coates, who was born March 28, 1873, in the above named township. He is a son of Sibley R., also a native of Rush township, this county, born August 9, 1847, who was a son of George and Marion (Sibley) Coates, both natives of Champaign county, each representing pioneer families of this locality, and they spent their lives on a farm in Rush township. S. R. Coates grew up on the home farm in his native township and there he attended the district schools. He devoted his life to general farming in Rush township. He was a Democrat in his earlier life and later a Republican. He served as township trustee for six years. On December 20, 1869, he married Mary E. Glendenning, a native of Rush township, and two children were born to them, namely: Fred, of this sketch; and Glen W., who was born February 10, 1878, and died March 9, 1904. The death of Sibley R. Coates occurred on January 15, 1906.

Fred Coates grew to manhood on the old home place, and he received his education in the local district schools. He has always lived on the home farm and engaged in general farming and stock raising. On December 20, 1906, he married Josephine E. Beck, who was born in Union county, Ohio. She is a daughter of Thomas M. and Priscilla (Craty) Beck, the former a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and the latter of Union county, Ohio. Mr. Beck left the Old Dominion when a young man and located in Union county, Ohio, and established his home on a farm. He was a soldier during the Civil War. His death occurred in 1914. His widow is still living.

Four children were born to Fred Coates and wife, named as follow: Max Sibley, Mary Priscilla, Ruth Eloise, and Fred, Jr.

Mr. Coates is a loyal Republican. He has served in a most praiseworthy manner as trustee of Rush township during the past six years, and he takes an active interest in political affairs. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias at North Lewisburg. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and his mother to the Methodist Protestant church.



## WILL T. HESS.

Will T. Hess, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Mad River township, proprietor of "Elmwood Place," a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm consisting of ninety acres on rural route No. 9 out of Urbana on the Piqua and Urbana pike, is a native of West Virginia, born on a farm in Harrison county, that state, June 16, 1861, the son of T. H. and Sarah J. (Martin) Hess, both of whom were natives also of Harrison county, West Virginia.

T. H. Hess and his wife were both born and reared in West Virginia, where they lived all their lives. He was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, being a member of a company of West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, serving from the time of his enlistment until the close of the war, his death occurring a few years after his return home from the service. He was a Republican in politics, but not active in political affairs, being content to look after his farming interests and home duties. His wife was a member of the United Brethren church, in which faith she lived and died. She survived her husband many years, her death taking place on the old home place in West Virginia. T. H. Hess and wife were the parents of two sons, twins, Sherod C., who died at the age of fourteen, and Will T.

Will T. Hess lived on the home farm in West Virginia until he reached manhood, receiving his education in the district schools of his home township. After his marriage he bought a farm in Harrison county, West Virginia, where he lived until 1902, at which time he sold his holdings in West Virginia, and came to Champaign county, Ohio. He located first on a farm close to North Lewisburg, which he bought, and here he conducted a dairy known as the "Elmwood Dairy." He disposed of this farm later and purchased a farm four miles south of Urbana, where he lived three years, after which he sold this place and moved to Urbana, where he lived two years. In 1915 he bought the farm where he is now living in Mad River township, and has since made this his place of residence. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and is making a start in the line of pure-bred Holstein cattle. He also conducts a dairy on this place on a small scale, and has been very successful in his farming operations.

On September 19, 1888, Will T. Hess was married to Myrtle Tetrick, who was born and reared in Harrison county, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are the parents of two children, Hardy W., who is a graduate of the high school at North Lewisburg, was a student at the Ohio Wesleyan



College at Delaware, Ohio, and is now teaching in the schools at Westville, and Amy Berenice, also a graduate of the high school at North Lewisburg, is a talented musician, and is living at home with her parents. The family are earnest and devoted members of the Baptist church at Urbana, and popular in the social and religious life of the community.

Mr. Hess is a Republican in politics, and while warmly supporting all measures having for their object the welfare and betterment of his home community, yet is not a partisan or seeker after public office.

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### HIRAM G. DUNN.

Hiram G. Dunn, a farmer of Rush township, Champaign county, was born in the house he now lives in, November 23, 1851. He has fully appreciated the opportunity of spending his life on the home acres, a privilege not granted to many. He is a son of Nelson and Mary A. (Garwood) Dunn. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1816. The mother was born in Logan county, Ohio. When a child Nelson Dunn was brought by his parents to Hampshire county, Virginia, and about 1840 he moved to Rush township, Champaign county, buying land where the subject of this sketch now resides. He cleared and improved about two hundred and thirty-five acres himself. He was very industrious, managed well and became a leading farmer of Rush township. He was a Democrat, and belonged to the Presbyterian church. His death occurred August 25, 1896, at the age of eighty years. His wife died April 24, 1876, at the early age of forty-six years. He subsequently married for his second wife Angeline Warren Garwood, a native of Champaign county, Ohio. Her death occurred a number of years ago. Two children were born to the first union, namely: Hiram G., of this sketch, and Virginia A., who married Wilton Bales, first, and later William Winder, of North Louisburg, this county; her death occurred on February 22, 1917.

Hiram G. Dunn worked on the homestead when he was a boy, and he received a common school education. He has remained on the home farm and has kept it under a fine state of cultivation and improvement. He carries on general farming and stock raising. He owns one hundred and eighty acres.

Mr. Dunn was married on June 17, 1878, to Susie B. Cockrell, who was born in Berkley county, West Virginia. To Hiram G. Dunn and wife

one child, a daughter, Mary E., was born. She is the wife of LeClare Dukes, and they live on a farm in Hancock county, Ohio. They have one daughter, Helen Dukes.

Politically, Mr. Dunn is a Democrat. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias at North Lewisburg. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

The Dunn emigrant came to America from England with William Penn and helped found the colony at what is now Philadelphia. Members of the family served in the Revolutionary War and descendants have been prominent in various walks of life throughout the United States.

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### WILLIAM E. KINGSBURY.

Believing that Salem township, Champaign county, furnished all the opportunities for happiness, William E. Kingsbury, a farmer of that township, has been content to spend his life here. His birth occurred on June 8, 1846, on the old homestead in the above named locality. He is a son of Samuel and Lucinda (Graves) Kingsbury. The father was born in Pennsylvania. The mother was a daughter of Asa Graves, who came to Champaign county in an early day, locating on a farm in the southeastern part of Salem township. He also burned lime and operated a stone quarry during his latter years. The subject of this review now occupies the farm he owned here. His family consisted of two children, Lucinda, mother of the subject of this sketch, and William, who established his home in the state of New York.

In early life Samuel Kingsbury was a pilot on the Susquehanna river in Pennsylvania. He came to Ohio with Asa Graves and they continued to live in the same house, in 1850 locating on the farm now owned by William E. Kingsbury in Salem township, Champaign county, the place consisting of one hundred and ten acres. The land was at that time heavily timbered, but they cleared it up and placed it under cultivation by hard work. Their first residence was a rude log house, which later gave place to a more comfortable frame dwelling. Samuel Kingsbury continued to live on the place until his death, in 1868, at the age of sixty-five years, his widow surviving until 1882, dying at the age of sixty-nine years. They were members of Kings Creek Baptist church, and he was a Republican. They were parents of seven children, named as follows: Emily, Harriet, Lucinda, Maria and

Eunice, all died single; Irene lives with the subject of this sketch; William E., the youngest of the family.

William E. Kingsbury grew up on the home farm, and he attended the public schools in his vicinity. On November 8, 1877, he married Ann Hoppock, who was born in New Jersey. She is a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Snyder) Hoppock, natives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively. They came to Greene county, Ohio, in 1852, and lived there during the Civil War, then settled near Mount Tabor, Salem township, Champaign county, living at different places in that locality until they bought a farm near Mingo and were there four years, then moved to the village of Mingo, where Mr. Hoppock died in 1900, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1874. They were parents of seven children, named as follows: Matilda is the widow of John Harvey and she lives in Champaign county; John lives in Illinois; Ann, wife of Mr. Kingsbury of this sketch; George lives in San Diego, California; William died at Mingo, Ohio; James died in Nebraska; Amanda, who remained unmarried, died April 12, 1917.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury: Charles Edward, who died in infancy; and Eva Mary, who is the wife of Charles Linville, of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Mr. Kingsbury has always carried on general farming on the old home place. Politically, he is a Republican and he belongs to the Baptist church at Kings Creek.

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### MARION GUTHRIDGE.

Marion Guthridge, a well-known merchant at Mingo, an honored veteran of the Civil War, for many years treasurer of Wayne township and for a half century owner and operator of the saw-mill at Mingo, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm one mile south of Cable, in Wayne township, September 20, 1848, son and only child of William and Polly (Answorth) Guthridge, both of whom also were natives of this county and here spent all their lives.

William Guthridge was also born in Wayne township, a son of the Rev. John Guthridge, a farmer and pioneer preacher of the Baptist church and one of the earliest and most influential settlers in the northern part of this county, further and fitting mention of whom is made in the historical section of this work in the chapter relating to the church history of the county. Reared on a farm, William Guthridge became a farmer in turn

and thus remained all his life, becoming one of the sturdy and well-to-do farmers of Wayne township. Several years after his marriage he moved to Cable and there lived the rest of his life, operating his farm from that village.

Marion Guthridge, only son of his parents, was but three years of age when his parents moved to Cable and he received his schooling in the schools of that pleasant village. Though but a boy during the progress of the Civil War, he enlisted for the hundred-day service as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and upon the completion of that service began working in the E. C. Williams saw-mill at Mingo. A few years later he bought that mill and for fifty years continued as owner of the same, during forty-two years of which period he operated the saw personally, never missing a day while the mill was in operation. In 1916 Mr. Guthridge sold the mill and has since been engaged in the general merchandise business at Mingo. The saw-mill he owned and operated for a half century was established in 1864 and is the first and only saw-mill ever operated at Mingo. Upon selling his mill Mr. Guthridge erected a store building at Mingo and stocked the same with a line of general merchandise, now conducting there one of the neatest and most up-to-date village stores in this part of the state, and is doing very well in his business venture. Mr. Guthridge is a staunch Republican, an undeviating supporter of the principles of that party, and for seventeen years and six months served his home township as township trustee. He also for some years was a member of the local school board and in other ways has unselfishly contributed of his time and energies to the public service.

In 1873 Marion Guthridge was united in marriage to Agnes Hunter, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Hunter, and to that union were born three children, two of whom are still living, Edgar, who married Edith Callahan and is living at Dayton, Ohio, and Walter, a member of the United States Signal Corps, now stationed at Seattle, Washington. Upon the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Guthridge married Ella Z. Robinson, daughter of Jesse and Mary Robinson, which union has been without issue. Mr. and Mrs. Guthridge are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mingo and take an active part in church affairs, as well as in other local good works, Mr. Guthridge having been a member of the board of stewards of the church for more than a quarter of a century. There is no man in the northern part of the county who has a wider acquaintance than he and he has ever stood for progress and good government in that community.

## THOMAS IRVIN TAYLOR.

One of the oldest native-born citizens of Salem township, Champaign county, is Thomas Irvin Taylor, a well-known farmer of that township, who has been content to spend his life in his native locality, believing that here existed all the opportunities necessary for one's happiness and success. He was born on the old Taylor homestead at Kings Creek, Ohio, October 23, 1841. He is a son of Thomas Taylor and wife, a pioneer family of this vicinity, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work.

Thomas I. Taylor grew up on the homestead, where, like all boys of pioneer parents, he found plenty of hard work to do. However, unlike most of them, he had the advantage of a good education, having attended school both at Urbana and Bellefontaine, Ohio. He remained on the old home place until 1875. Then he married, on March 8, 1866, Hannah Stewart, who was born at Kings Creek, Champaign county. She is a daughter of Matthew and Lucinda (Martin) Stewart. He was born at Kings Creek, and her birth occurred in Kentucky. The grandfather of Mrs. Taylor was also named Matthew. He was a native of Ireland, from which country he came to America with his parents, when twelve years of age, the family locating at Kings Creek, and engaged in farming in Salem township, being thus among the early settlers here. Grandfather Stewart's death occurred here at the advanced age of ninety-three years. His wife preceded him to the grave when sixty-nine years of age. They were members of the Baptist church at Kings Creek.

Nine children were born to Matthew and Lucinda Stewart, namely: Sarah married John Seaton, of Salem township, and both are now deceased; Samuel married Margaret Jones and they live in Auglaize county, Ohio; William, who followed school teaching for many years, married Addie Boone, and he died in Salem township; Hannah, who married Mr. Taylor of this sketch; Thomas is a plasterer at Zanesville, Ohio; Charles married Serepta Taylor, who lives in Kings Creek, Ohio, he being now deceased; John died when two years old; Eliza married J. K. Michael and they live in Urbana; Elizabeth, who married William Jones (she deceased) lived in Kings Creek, Ohio.

The following children have been born to Thomas I. Taylor and wife: Barton A., a banker at St. Paris, Champaign county, married Ada Allen, and they have two children, Burton A. and Martha E.; Cora G. married O. K. West and they live in the city of Columbus; their daughter, Madge,

married Floyd Hoffman, and they have one child, Elizabeth; Effie M., the child of the subject of this sketch, died when nineteen years of age; Frank S., who operates a garage at Springfield, Ohio, married Iva Herr, and they have one child, Neoma V.; Nellie M. married Clifford Beatley, of Columbus, and they have three children, Cleo, Carroll and Louise; Blanche B. is at home; Floyd married Winifred Shrigley and lives at Youngstown, Ohio. The Taylor children all received good educational advantages, attending the schools at Kings Creek, Urbana and Columbus.

Mr. Taylor lived in Clark county, Ohio, five years, and north of Urbana two years, then spent six years in Madison county, this state. He lived on the old home place nine years, then purchased his present farm in Salem township, known as the J. Gerard place. It consisted of one hundred and forty-nine acres, but has since added fifteen acres, and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, making sheep raising a specialty for many years.

Politically, Mr. Taylor is a Republican. He is active in the affairs of his community and for some time served as school director, also as supervisor. He is a member of Kings Creek Baptist church.

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### IVAN T. JOHNSON.

Ivan T. Johnson, a farmer of Salem township, Champaign county, was born in the locality where he still makes his home, on November 27, 1858. He is a son of Hiram M. and Margaret (Brown) Johnson, the mother being a native of Virginia. The father was born in Wayne township, Champaign county, Ohio, August 6, 1808, and was a son of Jacob and Martha (Boggs) Johnson. Jacob was born in Maryland, July 27, 1776, and his wife was born October 20, 1774. They made the overland journey from the old Oriole state to Ohio in an early day, taking up their residence in the wilderness of what is now Salem township, Champaign county, in 1804, settling on land on the east side of King's creek, but a year later moved to the north side of the Mingo valley, there clearing and developing a farm which is still in possession of the Johnson family. He and his wife were the first white settlers in that part of the county. They endured the usual hardships of frontier people. It was in the midst of the Indian country, however, the red men disturbed them but little until they were removed from the country, in 1805, to Wayne township. It was on this farm that the great-



grandparents of the subject of this sketch lived and died and were buried. There were no community or public cemeteries in those days and over one hundred pioneers were buried in the old burying ground on the Johnson farm. The great-grandfather Johnson died in 1820, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1817. Their son, Jacob Johnson, paternal grandfather, remained on the home place until his death in 1845, his widow surviving until 1854. Only nine acres had been cleared on the original Johnson farm, which had been done by the Indians, and had been under cultivation for some time. Jacob Johnson became one of the leading farmers and influential citizens of Champaign county in his day, owning a farm of four hundred and seventy-eight acres, of which he cleared one hundred acres himself. Owing to an accidental injury while hauling logs, he was not able to farm actively during the last twenty-two years of his life. His family consisted of nine children, only four of whom grew to maturity, namely: Mary, Hiram, Nelson B. and Alfred.

Hiram Johnson, father of the subject of this sketch, lived on the old home place, the three brothers holding the estate in common, he remaining there until he was fifty-eight years old, at which time they owned a total of nineteen hundred acres. At that time the property was divided, by mutual consent, without the aid of any legal advice. The total value of the property was one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

On May 15, 1851, Hiram Johnson married Margaret Brown, a daughter of David and Hester Brown, and to their union four children were born, namely: Jacob, Marie Theresa, Nelson B. and Ivan T., of this sketch.

Hiram Johnson was one of the progressive general farmers and stockmen of his day in this county, operating on a large scale. He raised immense quantities of grain, a large portion of which was fed to live stock. He shipped many carloads of cattle and hogs to the markets every year. He owned over eight hundred acres of valuable land, which he brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He established a commodious and modernly equipped home in the midst of attractive surroundings and he had a large group of substantial outbuildings. Part of his land was in Logan county. His death occurred in 1900. His widow survived until 1907. His personal reputation was always that of a man of unquestioned business ethics and integrity in all walks of life. He was public-spirited and, like his father before him, enjoyed the good will and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

Ivan T. Johnson, the immediate subject of this sketch, grew to man-



hood on the home farm. He received his education in the public schools of Wayne township. He remained at home, farming with his father, until he was thirty-three years old, at which time he and his brother, Nelson B., began farming in partnership until 1911. Since then he has been operating his own land and has been very successful as a general agriculturist. He owns one of the choice and most desirable farms in the county, which consists of four hundred and ninety-eight acres, in Salem and Wayne townships. It is highly improved, the best methods of up-to-date, twentieth century farmers being adopted in all departments. He has a beautiful home, modern in every appointment. In connection with raising large crops of grain he prepares a number of carloads of live stock for the market annually, always raising good grades of stock.

Ivan T. Johnson was married on October 18, 1892, to Iona Igou, a daughter of Peter and Lucretia (Bayless) Igou. She was born in Union township, Champaign county, where she grew to womanhood, and she attended the local schools. Her parents were also natives of this county, her father of Wayne township and her mother of Union township. Here they grew to maturity, attended school and were married, after which they established their future home on a farm in Union township. Mr. Igou was one of the first to offer his services to the Union at the outbreak of the Civil War, and he served in an Ohio regiment four years, becoming an efficient and brave soldier, taking part in numerous important battles and campaigns in the South. After he was honorably discharged he returned to Champaign county, married and spent the rest of his life here, successfully engaged in general farming. His death occurred in 1903.

The father of Peter Igou (subject's wife's father) was Peter Igou, Sr., who was one of the brothers of French descent who were among the first pioneers of Champaign county, Ohio. Peter Igou was a farmer and finally owned several hundred acres of land and put up houses on his several farms. They were adherents of the Quaker church.

Ten children were born to Peter Ogou and wife, named as follows: Iona, wife of Mr. Johnson of this sketch; Hugo, Albert, Richard, Arnet, Effie, Duward, Dale, Edward and Maude.

Eleven children have been born to Ivan T. Johnson and wife, named as follows: Coppiela, who married Rolla Dagger; Benjamin W., Louis, Roger, Marion, Margaret, Julia is deceased; Alice, Isabelle, Alfred and Lowell.

Mr. Johnson is an independent voter, being liberal in his views on public questions. He desires to see honest and capable men in office, no mat-

ter what their political affiliations may be. He has never sought political leadership, preferring to devote his attention to his large farming interests and to his home. His wife is a member of the Baptist church at Kings Creek.

The Johnson family has been one of the best known, most representative and highly honored in Champaign county since the early pioneer days, or for one hundred and thirteen years, and their record is eminently deserving of a conspicuous position in this biographical compendium.

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### ROLLIE REID.

Rollie Reid, farmer of Union township, Champaign county, was born in Vermillion county, Illinois, September 4, 1871. He is a son of James and Mary (Saylor) Reid. The father was born in Union township, Champaign county, Ohio, and the mother was a native of Logan county, Ohio. He grew to manhood in his native township and attended the public schools, but left school to enlist for service in the Civil War, in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served one hundred days. Upon his return home he took up farming, but later went to Illinois, locating in Vermillion county on a farm, where he spent about twenty years, then moved to Logan county, Ohio, locating at DeGraff, and remained there until he removed to Champaign county and made his home with his son, Rollie, of this sketch, until the autumn preceding his death, when he went West and spent his last days at the home of his son, Charles Reid.

Nine children were born to James Reid and wife, six of whom are still living, namely: Mabel, who married James Hodge, of Union township; Grace, John, Charles, James C. and Rollie.

Rollie Reid was young when his parents brought him from Illinois to DeGraff, Ohio, where he attended school. When a young man he took up farming in the vicinity of DeGraff, with his father, continuing general farming and stock raising until two years before his marriage. He then farmed as a renter for one year, after which he took up the blacksmith's trade, at which he became quite proficient and followed the same at DeGraff for eight years. He was regarded as one of the best blacksmiths in this section of the country and he drew his customers from a wide territory. Upon leaving DeGraff he moved to Santa Fe, Logan county, and lived there until 1907.

when he moved to Union township, Champaign county, and rented one hundred and seventy acres for seven years, then moved to the Willis Hodge place of four hundred and fifty acres, which he still rents. He raises much grain, most of which he feeds to live stock, being a large feeder of sheep and hogs, sending a number of car loads to the markets every year.

In 1895 Mr. Reid married Josephine Kress, a native of Logan county, Ohio, and a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Curl) Kress, of Logan county, Ohio. He was a farmer and butcher. She is dead. He is living in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Five children have been born to Rollie Reid and wife, namely: Saylor C. is the eldest; Mary and Martha are twins; James and Robert.

Politically, Mr. Reid is a Republican. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Catawba.

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#### EVAN PERRY.

Evan Perry, farmer of Union township, Champaign county, was born in Wayne township, this county, August 12, 1857. He is a son of Evan and Elizabeth (Middleton) Perry, the former of whom was born in the principality of Wales, and the latter in Highland county, Ohio. They spent their last years in Champaign county. Evan Perry, Sr., was brought to America by his parents when he was a child, the family locating in Delaware county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He finally located in Champaign county. He married in Wayne township and there established his future home on a farm, continuing actively engaged in farming there until his death, which occurred in 1872, at the age of fifty-two years. His widow survived him many years. They were the parents of the following children: George, Jane, Frances Ann, Elizabeth, James, Evan, Jr., David L., Charles and Nancy.

Evan Perry grew to manhood on the home farm and he received his education in the public schools of Wayne township, however, his education was limited, for he left home when sixteen years old and began working out as a farm hand, continuing until he was married. He then rented the Woodward farm of two hundred acres, which he operated for fifteen years, after which he moved to near Westville, but a year later located in Union township on the Judge Warnock place, which he has been renting for twenty-one years. He operates two hundred acres successfully, carrying on general farming and stock raising, feeding most of his grain to live stock.

Mr. Perry was married in 1879 to Ella McAdams, a daughter of Nathaniel and Emma (Brown) McAdams, and to their union eight children have been born, namely: Ethel married Charles Blair and they have four children, Thelma, Kenneth, Arnold and Paul; Claude died in infancy; Clara married George Meyers and they have two children Dorothy and Lois; Oma married Earl Maddox but their union has been without issue; Thurlle married Eva Albright and they have three children, Coryl, Louisa and Lillian; Kent married Fannie Reynolds and they have one child, Gail Duane; Frank married Vernie Story and they have one child, Richard; Gail married Wilma Holmes and lives at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Perry is an independent voter. He is a member of the local school board and was formerly trustee of Union township. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Mutual. He is active in its affairs, being at present a trustee and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

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#### THOMAS E. BREEDLOVE.

There is no more up-to-date farmer in Wayne township, Champaign county, than Thomas E. Breedlove, who was born in Salem township, this county, February 13, 1862. He is a son of Henry C. and Mary J. (Stone) Breedlove. The father was born on March 2, 1836, in Ross county, Ohio, and his death occurred on March 12, 1892. Mary J. Stone was born in Fairfield county, this state. Henry C. Breedlove was twelve years old when he was brought to Champaign county by his uncle, Elijah Breedlove, with whom he lived in Wayne township until he was twenty-one years old, when he started out in life for himself. About that time, on April 28, 1859, he married Mary J. Stone, a daughter of Thomas F. and Mary Stone, who lived on a farm north of the village of Cable. Mr. Breedlove followed farming in Salem township for some time. He lived north of Kennard two years, then moved to Wayne township, locating south of Cable and later lived northwest of Mingo, where his death occurred. His wife died in Piqua, Ohio, at the age of seventy-three years. He devoted most of his active life to farming and stock raising. He was a Republican and served as township trustee. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church at Mingo. His family consisted of only two children, Effie, who married Dr. W. N. Unkefer lives in Piqua, this state, and Thomas E., of this sketch.

Thomas E. Breedlove grew to manhood on the home farm and attended



THOMAS E. BREEDLOVE AND RESIDENCE. MRS. BREEDLOVE IN INSERT.





the district schools, later spending one year in college at Ada, Ohio. He lived at home until he was twenty-three years old. On October 22, 1885, he married Minnie D. Hunt, who was born in Monroe township, Logan county, this state. She was a daughter of Jacob D. and Samantha Hunt, who lived many years in that county; the father died there, and the mother now makes her home in West Liberty, Ohio.

The death of Mrs. Breedlove occurred on October 12, 1912, leaving one child, Inez Marie, who is now the wife of Roy Robinson, a farmer, and they make their home with the subject of this sketch.

After his marriage Mr. Breedlove continued to live on the old home place, in all for a period of nearly fifty years. He kept the land well tilled and well improved, so that it lost none of its original fertility. He finally bought the Eli Cowgill place, where he now resides, the farm consisting of forty-six acres. He has retained his former place, which consists of one hundred and seventy acres, and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has also bought stock to feed for the market, handling large numbers annually, and has been feeding livestock for years, preparing several different herds for the market each year.

Politically, Mr. Breedlove is a Republican. His daughter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged.

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#### CHAS. H. STANSBURY.

Chas. H. Stansbury, one of Champaign county's best known and most substantial citizens, a former coal dealer at Urbana and now occupied in looking after his considerable land interests in this county, was born in Urbana and has lived there all his life. He was born on November 7, 1854, son and only child of Alfred M. and Mary (Kimber) Stansbury, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania, whose last days were spent at Urbana, where Alfred M. Stansbury, son of Dr. James B. Stansbury, was for some years engaged in the mercantile business, having been thus engaged at the time of his death in 1857.

Alfred M. Stansbury was born in the city of Baltimore and was but a child when his father, Dr. James B. Stansbury, one of the heroes of the War of 1812, came to this county, in 1835, and settled on a farm three miles east of Urbana, later moving to Urbana, where he spent the remainder

of his life, his death occurring there on January 15, 1860, he then being seventy-six years of age. Following his death, in 1860, a local newspaper said of Doctor Stansbury that in his death "society has lost one of its brightest ornaments, the town one of its best citizens, and the church one of its most valuable members. He was truly a gentleman of the 'olden time,' frank, plain, modest, graceful and dignified in all his intercourse with the world. His memory long will be cherished by his friends and neighbors on account of his exemplary deportment, his consistent life and undeviating integrity."

Dr. James B. Stansbury played a distinguished part in the War of 1812 and as a young merchant turned privateersman in the city of Baltimore carried consternation into the ranks of British shipping circles, doing much in that war for the maintenance of free trade and sailors' rights. Having sailed from Baltimore in the merchant vessel "Hannibal" with a cargo of coffee for France in 1812, he was captured by the British squadron then blockading the coast, and under the British "orders in council" was run into Plymouth and his vessel and cargo confiscated, leaving him penniless. He was subsequently returned to this country by Great Britain as a "government pauper," in a vessel kept for that purpose. Having lost all he had, he determined to take vengeance in some way on the authors of his ruin, and when, a short time later, war was declared against Great Britain, on account of the repeated confiscation of United States vessels, he, with Captain Boyle as commander, fitted up a vessel at New York, the "Chasseur," and sailed for the coast of England as a "privateer" on their own hook. In a cruise of eighteen months they captured eighteen brigs, ships and merchant vessels, with cargoes worth, in the aggregate, fifteen million dollars; but they sank and destroyed the most of these vessels, so that but few were brought back to the port of New York. While off the coast of England, surrounded by British men-of-war, brigs and frigates, they ran up into the British channel and the Captain and himself issued the following "proclamation" in the true Paul Jones style, handing it to neutral parties and through them having it posted at Lloyd's in London:

#### PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, It has become customary with the Admirals of Great Britain, commanding small forces on the coast of the United States, particularly with Sir John Boslaire Warren, and Sir Alexander Cochran, to declare all the coasts of the United States in a state of strict and rigorous blockade, without possessing the power to justify such a declaration, or stationing an adequate force to maintain said blockade.

I do therefore, by virtue and authority in me vested (possessing sufficient force,)

declare all the ports, harbors, bays, creeks, rivers, inlets, outlets, islands and seacoast of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in a state of strict and rigorous blockade. And I do further declare, that I consider the force under my command adequate to maintain strictly, rigorously and effectually the blockade. I do hereby require the respective officers whether captains, commanders or commanding officers under my command, employed or to be employed on the coast of England, Ireland and Scotland, to pay strict attention to the execution of this proclamation. And I do hereby caution and forbid the ships and vessels of all and every nation in amity and peace with the United States, from entering or attempting to enter, or from coming, or attempting to come out of said ports, harbors, bays, creeks, rivers, inlets, outlets, islands or seacoast, under any pretence whatsoever. And that no person may plead ignorance of this proclamation. I have ordered the same to be made public in England.

Given under my hand, on board the "Chasseur," day and date as above.

THOMAS BOYLE.

By command of the commanding officer.

J. B. STANSBURY, Secretary.

After his return from this successful privateering expedition Doctor Stansbury returned to Baltimore and on board a schooner ran through a blockading squadron of Great Britain, joined Commander Stockton on board the "Comet," then cruising in the Chesapeake to protect American vessels, and afterward rendered important service during the attack of General Ross upon Baltimore. The Doctor's widow and a large family of children and grandchildren survived him. He was twice married and was the father of seven children by his first marriage, of whom Alfred M., father of the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Dickson, who early went to Colorado, but later returned to Urbana, where he spent his last days, for years engaged in the internal revenue service; Charles, who went to Raritan, Illinois, in the days of his young manhood and there spent the rest of his life; Edward, who became a well-established merchant at Urbana, where his last days were spent; George, a veteran of the Civil War, who went to Kansas upon the completion of his military experience and there spent his last days; James, who engaged in the real-estate business at Baltimore and there spent his last days, and Joseph, a merchant in Urbana, who died there. By his second marriage the Doctor was the father of three children. Marcus, a veteran of the Civil War, a member of the Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who married Jennie McDonald and went to Monmouth, Illinois, where he engaged in the mercantile business; Theodore, also a veteran of the Civil War, a member of the Sixty-sixth Ohio, who settled at Paducah, Kentucky, after the war, and Lambert, a merchant, of Urbana and Galesburg, Illinois.

Alfred M. Stansbury was reared at Urbana, having been but a small child when his father came here from Baltimore, and he completed his

schooling in a college at Cincinnati. As a young man he began his mercantile career as a clerk in the Gynne store at Urbana and later became engaged in merchandising on his own account, owning a store situated on "the square" in that city, where he was engaged in business until his death in 1857, leaving a widow and one child, a son, the subject of this sketch, the latter at that time but little more than two years of age. Alfred M. Stansbury was a charter member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Urbana and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The latter was born in Pennsylvania, Mary A. Kimber, daughter of Emmor and Phoebe Kimber, also natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in 1835 and located at Piqua, where they remained until 1837, when they moved to Urbana and there established their permanent home, spending the remainder of their lives. In his early life Emmor Kimber was a stone mason and was a contractor on the Schuylkill canal. While living at Reading, Pennsylvania, he helped to establish the First Methodist Episcopal church there, buying an old school building, which he worked over and fitted up for a church. He was a strong Abolitionist and after having been for some years a resident of this county was a candidate for sheriff on the Abolition ticket, but received only seven votes, indicating the pro-slavery sentiment of the community at that time. During the Civil War he served as chaplain of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and upon the completion of his military service entered in the coal business at Urbana, and there spent the rest of his life. When he arrived in Urbana in 1837 he bought a quantity of the material that had entered into the construction of the old court house, situated in the public square, and with that material built a house for himself and family at the northwest corner of Miami and High streets, which old house is still standing and in an excellent state of repair, now the home of his son-in-law, John J. Anderson. Emmor Kimber died in 1885. His wife had preceded him to the grave about a year, her death having occurred in 1884. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mary, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Eliza J., who married Judge Corwin, of Urbana; George E., of Urbana, who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of the Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Salome, who married L. R. Roberts, of West Liberty, this state; Harriet, E., who married John J. Anderson, of Urbana, and Samuel P., who was the first boy to learn art of telegraphy in Urbana and who served with General Canby during the Civil War and afterward had charge of the Western Union Telegraph

Company's construction work in the West. After the death of Alfred M. Stansbury his widow married Robert R. Colwell, a cabinet-maker and lumber dealer at Urbana, and to this latter union one child was born, a daughter, Anna Laura, who married Elwood Dow Bancroft, of Urbana.

Chas. H. Stansbury received his schooling in Urbana and at the age of eighteen began working in the factory of Staymen & Colwell and was thus engaged for three years or more, at the end of which time he engaged in the coal business with his grandfather Kimber and later in partnership with J. J. Anderson, and continued thus engaged for ten years. He then sold his interest in the coal yard and bought land in Wayne and Mad River townships and has since then given his attention to his farming interests, though continuing to make his home at Urbana. Mr. Stansbury was formerly identified with the Republican party but being dissatisfied with their attitude on the temperance question became a Prohibitionist and for all his life has been one of the leaders in the temperance cause in this county, his efforts having been earnestly directed toward the promotion of that cause, not only in this county, but throughout the state at large.

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#### CHARLES P. LINCOLN.

Another of the old and honored families of Champaign county is that represented by Charles P. Lincoln, a farmer of Rush township. He was born April 27, 1844, on the old Lincoln homestead, known as "Loamland," in the above named township and county. He is a son of Charles and Allura (Johnson) Lincoln, both natives of Hampton, Connecticut. Charles Lincoln was about nine years old when he came to this county and here he grew to manhood. He was bound out to A. Howard of Union county, and lived with him until he was twenty-one years old. His wife, Allura Johnson, was a daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Cook) Johnson, natives of Rhode Island. From New England they removed to Champaign county, Ohio, when their daughter, Allura, was eight months old. Here she grew to womanhood. Her death occurred in 1868 at the age of fifty-two years. Her parents located their future home in Rush township, Joseph Johnson burning the brick for his home on his farm there. They remained here until 1859 when they removed to Clinton, Illinois, where they spent the rest of their lives, Mr. Johnson dying at the age of eighty years. He was a farmer and mill



man, also operated a distillery for some time. His family consisted of six children, namely: Celinda, Ica, Eason, Allura, Joseph and Lydia.

Charles Lincoln was a son of George and Della (Ingles) Lincoln, natives of New England. Their children were named as follow: Samuel, George, Sallie, William, John and Charles.

Charles Lincoln had little opportunity to attend school. He married in Rush township, after which he lived two years in Union county, then located on the farm in Rush township known as "Loamland." The land he purchased was new, which he cleared, built a log cabin and, by perseverance and close application, developed a good farm on which he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1880, at the age of seventy years, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1868, at the age of fifty-two years. He had become one of the leading farmers and influential citizens of the county, owning one thousand acres of good land and carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He handled live stock in large numbers, sending many carloads to the market annually. While living in Union county he lost all he had, but nothing daunted, he forged to the front again through his own efforts. He was not only a man of indomitable courage and tireless industry but also of rare soundness of judgment and foresight. He made a specialty of raising thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle, which he exhibited at fairs all over the United States and Canada, winning many premiums. He also bred Clydesdale horses, being the first to introduce this breed into this section of Ohio. He was a man of fine personal traits, honest and upright in all his relations with the world and he was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was a Republican, but never very active in public life. He served as trustee of his township at one time. He attended the Universalist church.

Ten children were born to Charles and Allura Lincoln, namely: Lydia Lincoln is the widow of John Hudson, a farmer of Rush township, this county, who was a soldier in the Civil War, dying during the service at Bermuda Hundred, Virginia; they had one child, Eugene, who lives at Glenullin, North Dakota. George Lincoln, a farmer and stockman of Rush township, died here in 1885; he married Marcia M. Kimball, who now makes her home in the village of Woodstock, that township. Harriett Lincoln died in young womanhood, unmarried. Charles P. Lincoln, subject of this sketch was fourth in order of birth. Oliver E. Lincoln, who lived in Champaign county for some time, later moving to Union county, Ohio, where his death occurred, married Sarah Coolidge, who still lives in that county. Ira, who remained on the old home farm in Rush township, was a farmer and stock-



man, and his death occurred in 1886; he married Martha Marsh, who is now living in Woodstock, this county. William Lincoln followed farming in Rush township; he married Mary Martin, who lives in the village of Woodstock; his death occurred in 1912. Ada Lincoln married Dr. P. N. Pratt and they make their home in Woodstock, Ohio. Alice Lincoln died in infancy. Dwight Lincoln, the youngest of the family, also died when a child.

Charles P. Lincoln, the immediate subject of this review, grew to manhood on the home farm, and he received his education in the common schools. He assisted his father with the work on the farm until his marriage, January 30, 1868, to Octavia Inskeep, a native of Allen township, Union county, Ohio, and a daughter of William and Keturah (Warner) Inskeep, the father born in Logan county, Ohio, in 1807, and the mother's birth occurred in that county in 1812. They grew up and were married in their native county and later bought land in Union county, Ohio, where he continued to reside until 1860. Her death occurred in 1854, in which year he removed to Richland county, Illinois, and after residing there five years he returned to Ohio, locating at North Lewisburg, Champaign county, where Mr. Inskeep died in 1888. His first wife died at the age of forty-two years, and he married for his second wife, Amanda Stone, a native of Virginia. Eight children were born to his first marriage, namely: Hope, who married William Milligan of North Lewisburg, are both now deceased; Hester married Peter Young, after which they removed to Illinois then to Iowa and died in that state; Hepsibeth married S. G. Smith, now deceased, but she is living in Woodstock, Champaign county; Delilah married Andrew J. Smith, a farmer, and they both died in California; Mary married Azro Smith, a farmer of near Woodstock; Emily married M. C. Young, after which they moved to Illinois and died there; Octavia, who married Mr. Lincoln of this sketch; and Laura married J. F. McElroy, a farmer and they make their home in Oregon. One child was born to William Inskeep and his second wife, May, who married W. Hunter, first, and second, Samuel Callan. She lives at Mt. Blanchard, Ohio.

Two children have been born to Charles P. Lincoln and wife, namely: Warren G., who resides in Woodstock, this county, and is manager of the McCoy Canning Company, of Woodstock, married Rena Dix; Charles B., who is engaged in farming in Union county, Ohio, married Lulu Witter.

After his marriage Charles P. Lincoln located on his present farm in Rush township, known as the Mitchell place. It was only partly improved, being a new farm, and Mr. Lincoln put on the present improvements, building at first a small house which he lived in for fifteen years, then built his

present fine home. He has a productive and well-kept farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres in the home place, also owns four hundred acres of excellent land in Union county, Ohio. He is one of the most successful farmers and stockmen in his locality. He feeds large numbers of cattle and hogs annually for the market and is regarded as an especially good judge of livestock. He is a man of sound judgment and keeps well informed regarding the modern methods of agriculture and stock raising. However, during the past four years he has merely overseen his farm in a general way, renting out his land. Politically, he is a Republican, and he attends the Universalist church. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment during the Civil War.

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#### HENRY C. SOUTH.

The veterans of the great Union army that saved the nation a half century ago are now growing comparatively few in number and they are monthly surrendering by hundreds to the only foe they could not successfully meet. Those who remain among us, like Henry C. South, a retired farmer of Salem township, Champaign county, should receive our every homage, for they made possible our present state of prosperity and advanced civilization.

Mr. South was born, September 16, 1841, near Baltimore, Maryland. He is a son of Henry H. and Hannah (Walker) South, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew up, married and made their home until 1861, when they moved to Champaign county, Ohio, locating in Wayne township, where Mr. South was a lime burner and farmer. His death occurred in Wayne township. His family consisted of twelve children, four of whom are now living, namely: Mary lives in Milford Center, Ohio; Samuel also lives in Milford Center; Joseph, who makes his home in Columbus, has been an engineer on the Pennsylvania lines for the past thirty-five years; Henry, of this sketch.

Henry South had little chance to obtain an education. He grew up on the home farm and lived at home until he was twenty years of age. In May, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in May, 1864, enlisted for a second term in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving four months in each enlistment. He was first sent to Maryland and later into West Virginia. During his last term of enlistment he served before Petersburg and was in sev-



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eral raids and skirmishes. He was honorably discharged in the fall of 1864. After the war Mr. South located in Salem township, Champaign county, Ohio, and resumed agricultural pursuits. He hired out as a farm hand for some time, in fact, worked for Andy McIlwain for a period of ten years, then farmed the Mason place for a period of thirty years. In 1909 he moved to Kinnard, Salem township, where he has since made his home, living retired from active life.

Mr. South was married, first, in 1866, to Sarah Richardson, who died in 1873, leaving two children, namely: Delia, whose death occurred in 1880, and Margaret, who married David Mitchell and lives in West Carlton, Ohio. In 1876 Mr. South married, for his second wife, Frances Dennell, who was born in Wayne township, Champaign county. She is a daughter of Hiram and Sarah Dennell, natives of Kentucky and Brown county, Ohio, respectively. These parents settled in Wayne township, Champaign county, in an early day and there Mr. Dennell engaged in farming until his death.

Four children have been born to Mr. South by his second wife, namely: Nellie, who lives at home; Earl, who is engaged in farming in Salem township, married Nora Moyer; Sallie married Pearl Johnson and they live south of Cable, Ohio; and Ethel, who is clerking in Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. South is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Urbana, Ohio, and also belongs to the Union League. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### WILLIAM LANE.

William Lane is now living in retirement in his pleasant home at North Lewisburg, Champaign county, after a very active and successful life. He was born at West Mansfield, Ohio, May 17, 1838. He is a son of Levi and Mary (Skidmore) Lane, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Columbiana county, Ohio. Levi Lane was four years old when his parents, Benjamin Lane and wife brought him to Warren county, Ohio, the family later moving to Logan county, where Levi grew to maturity and there he attended school and married. After farming several years he moved to Union county, this state, dying there at the age of fifty-one years. His wife died at the age of sixty-five. He was first a Whig, later a Republican. They were both members of the Baptist church. Fourteen children were born to Levi Lane and wife, namely: Ruth Jane, Mary, Angeline,

Rachael, Samantha, Serepta are all deceased; Melinda lives in Michigan; Benjamin is deceased; William, of this sketch; Joseph lives in Indiana; Lemuel lives in East Liberty, Ohio; Thomas is deceased; John, of West Mansfield, Ohio; the youngest child died in infancy unnamed.

William Lane grew up on the farm and attended the district schools. He lived at home until his marriage, April 7, 1859, to Emma Munsell, a native of West Mansfield, Ohio, and a daughter of Alvin and Mary (Strong) Munsell, natives of the state of New York. They settled where West Mansfield now stands, the country then being a wilderness. They were among the first settlers in that locality. Mrs. Mary Munsell was a licensed physician and she built up a large practice. Mr. Munsell devoted his active life to farming. They both died in Logan county. Their family consisted of seven children, named as follow: Dannie, William, Nancy, Phoebe, Eliza, Caroline and Emma, who married Mr. Lane of this sketch; she is the only one of the family now living.

Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lane, namely: Corey is engaged in the insurance business at Bellefontaine, Ohio; Calvin, who was a Free Will Baptist preacher, later took up farming, owing to failing health, and he now lives in Canada; William is engaged in the grocery business at York Center, Union county, Ohio; Benjamin owns and operates a large ranch in North Dakota; Laura, now deceased, married William Curran; James Ward is a barber in Springfield, Ohio; Asa died when twenty-one years old; Obed is farming at Middleburg, Ohio; Zella is the wife of O. H. Spain, of North Lewisburg, Champaign county; Herbert is employed by the telephone company at Zanesville, Ohio.

After his marriage William Lane located on a farm southeast of West Mansfield, Union county, Ohio, where he remained eleven years, then moved to Logan county, Ohio, where he lived until 1892, then came to North Lewisburg, Champaign county, where he has since lived on a farm, owning a well improved and attractive place. He is now retired from active work.

Mr. Lane enlisted on February 16, 1864, in Company C, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at West Mansfield, and was soon sent South, into Tennessee, reaching Missionary Ridge just after the battle. He took part in the Atlanta campaign and was under General Sherman in his march to the sea. He was taken sick at Ringgold, Georgia. He marched to Buzzard Roost, then back to Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was in the hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, for five months. He was a nurse in the officers hospital for eight months. He obtained a discharge at his own request and started for the front, and was three months on the road, endeavoring to



rejoin his regiment, which he reached April 24, 1865, at Tallon Springs. He soon started to Richmond, then went to Washington, D. C., where he took part in the Grand Review. He was honorably discharged July 21, 1865, after which he returned home and resumed farming.

Mr. Lane was a member of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at West Mansfield, and later belonged to the post at Middleburg, Ohio. He was formerly a member of the Free Will Baptist church, and now belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at North Lewisburg. Politically, he is a Republican.

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### HOWARD TOWNSEND.

Howard Townsend, a farmer, near North Lewisburg, Rush township, Champaign county, was born in the northeastern corner of this county, July 22, 1863. He is a son of James Townsend, who was born in 1830, in Morgan county, Ohio. He married Hannah Hall, who was born in Salem township, Champaign county, Ohio. James Townsend was a son of Joseph Townsend, a native of Harrison county, Ohio, who later located in Morgan county, this state, where he spent the rest of his life. He married Elizabeth Beck, of Morgan county, and to their union four children were born, namely: Ross, Anthony, James and Anna.

James Townsend, father of the subject of this sketch, grew up on the farm and was educated in the district schools of Morgan county, Ohio. About 1840 he changed his residence to Middleburg, Ohio, later moved to Rush township, this county, where he married, and there he located at North Lewisburg. He was a carpenter by trade, which he followed all his life, becoming quite an expert workman. He was a Republican. He was the first to join the Masonic lodge at North Lewisburg. He took an active interest in lodge work. He was a member of the Universalist church. His death occurred March 31, 1893, his widow surviving until August 3, 1901. To these parents the following children were born: Oscar, who lives at North Lewisburg, married Essie Warner; Henry, who is farming in Union county, Ohio, married Lena Spain; Howard, of this review; Anna married P. H. Dolan and they live at North Lewisburg.

Howard Townsend received a common school education at North Lewisburg, his schooling being somewhat limited, in view of the fact that he started out in life for himself when only eleven years old, working at different things during his boyhood, including the blacksmith's trade. He

operated a drug store at North Lewisburg eight years, in partnership with his brother. He has had thirty-five different stores in different towns and was a very successful merchant. He also owned elevators at Mingo, Irvin and Woodstock. He has been connected with the State Fair Association for the past thirty-four years. He has lived in Irvin, Quincy, Big Springs, Centerville and Columbus, in the latter three different times. In July, 1913, he bought his present excellent farm of one hundred and twenty-eight acres near North Lewisburg and is engaged in general farming and stock raising. His home is an attractive one and he has good convenient outbuildings. He still handles considerable hay and grain. He started in life a poor boy and without aid from any one he has forged to the front, being now the possessor of a comfortable competency. He has educated himself by contact with the world and by wide miscellaneous reading.

Mr. Townsend has long been prominent in Masonry, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter at North Lewisburg, the commandery at Urbana, and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Dayton, Ohio.

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#### SHERMAN DOWNS.

Another farmer of Rush township, Champaign county, who employs twentieth century methods, is Sherman Downs, who was born near Mt. Tabor church in Salem township, this county, October 24, 1864. He is a son of Joseph and Esther (Usher) Downs, the father a native of Salem township, Champaign county, and the mother was born in Cuyahoga county. Joseph Downs, Sr., the paternal grandfather, was a native of New Jersey and the first member of the family to come to Ohio. He was one of the early settlers near Mt. Tabor church, Champaign county, spending the rest of his life there on a farm, his death occurring in 1863. His family consisted of ten children, all now deceased. Joseph Downs, Jr., was reared on the home farm which he assisted in developing from the wilderness. He attended school in a little log house in the woods. He remained on the homestead all his life, engaging in general farming, and died there in 1908. After his death his widow lived in Urbana a while and now makes her home in Columbus, Ohio. He was a Republican. His family consisted of four children that grew to maturity, namely: Elmer died when thirty-eight years old; Clara, who is deceased, was the wife of William Linville and he lives

near Cable, Ohio; Sherman, of this sketch; Eugene, a bookkeeper, married Mary Williamson; Ralph died in 1863 when a child.

Sherman Downs grew up on the old home place where he worked when a boy. He received a common school education and lived at home until his marriage on May 21, 1895, to Emma Staub, who was born in Salem township, Champaign county, where she grew to womanhood and was educated in the common schools. She was a daughter of John and Susan (Black) Staub, who spent their lives on a farm in Salem township, both being now deceased. The death of Mrs. Downs occurred on April 30, 1917, leaving four children, namely: Malcomb Black, a telegraph operator who lives at Springfield, Ohio; Nellie, Milton and Cornelia all live at home.

After his marriage Mr. Downs engaged in farming in Logan and Union counties for four years, then moved to Wayne township, Champaign county, where he farmed for fifteen years. He spent one year on a farm near Woodstock, and for the past three years he has operated three hundred acres of the Miller farm in Rush township. He carries on general farming and raises a great deal of grain of various kinds which he feeds to live stock.

Politically, Mr. Downs is a Republican. His wife was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### DANIEL BURNHAM.

A highly honored and successful farmer of Rush township, Champaign county, during a past generation was the late Daniel Burnham, whose record is well worth preserving on the pages of local history. He was born on the old Burnham homestead in the above named township, February 2, 1826. He was a son of Elba Burnham, who was born December 25, 1791, in Connecticut. He married Lorenda Burnham, also a native of Connecticut, whose birth occurred March 22, 1803. She died September 14, 1839, and he married for his second wife Nancy Bingham, who was born in 1789; her death occurred July 28, 1866. She was also a native of Connecticut. Elba Burnham grew to manhood in New England and was married there. He devoted his life to general farming and stock raising. He was one of the early settlers in Rush township, Champaign county, Ohio, where his grandchildren now reside. He cleared a place on which to build his log cabin, and began life here in typical pioneer fashion. He persevered and succeeded, the log house later giving way to a comfortable frame dwelling.

and here his death occurred on November 9, 1861, at the age of seventy years. His children were named as follow: Laura, born March 2, 1822, married Nathan Lamborn, and they moved to Iowa in 1860, where her death occurred; Daniel, of this sketch, was second in order of birth; Charles, born January 23, 1831, lived in Rush township until he moved to Iowa, where he spent the rest of his life on a farm; he married Elizabeth Dee. Martha, born April 7, 1834, married R. Ellsworth, who was a soldier in the Civil War, lived in Missouri for some time, but later went to South Dakota, where he died; David, born December 10, 1835, served in the Civil War, after which he lived in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, dying in Kansas; he married Mary L. Parke.

Daniel Burnham, subject of this memoir, grew up on the home farm and attended the early-day schools. During the Civil War he enlisted for the one-hundred-day service in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; on September 9, 1851, he married Catherine Hamilton, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, but was reared in Union county. She was a daughter of James and Marie (Blue) Hamilton, natives of Virginia, from which state they came to Ohio in 1835, locating in Union county, where the town of Marysville is now located, there being but a few houses there at that time. Mr. Hamilton settled on land just north of the village, in the woods, where he put up a cabin, cleared and developed a farm by hard work and perseverance, and there they spent the rest of their lives. The following children were born to them: John lived in Union county; James and Silas were farmers in Union county; Elizabeth also lived in that county; Catherine, wife of the subject of this sketch; Alexander, who devoted his life to farming, went to Illinois, where he died.

Five children were born to Daniel Burnham and wife, namely: Lorenda E., born February 3, 1853, married Joseph Perkins, an undertaker, and they reside in Marysville, Ohio; Delphine, born October 15, 1854, is unmarried and lives at home; Elba V., born September 27, 1857, married Mabel Bellers, December 31, 1886; was married in Iowa but in a short time returned to this township and lived here about three years, then returned to Iowa, where she died, July 24, 1889. Elba V., who married Mabel Bellers, has one child, Edna, who married R. L. Pratt. Elnathan H., born November 14, 1859, is single, lives at home and has always followed farming; Leroy, born September 9, 1862, died February 12, 1898.

The above named children were educated in the home schools. Two of the sons and a daughter live on the old home place, which contains two hundred and seven acres of fine farming land, and they have kept it well

improved and under an excellent state of cultivation. They raise fine sheep and a good grade of cattle, hogs and horses. They built a large modern home in 1900, containing eleven rooms. There are also two large barns and other convenient outbuildings.

The death of Daniel Burnham occurred in 1887.

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### ALLEN M. GLENDENING.

Allen M. Glendening, farmer of Rush township, and at this writing one of the commissioners of Champaign county, was born in West Middleburg, Logan county, Ohio, January 15, 1881. He is a son of John W. and Sarah R. (Foster) Glendening. The father was born in Rush township, this county, and the mother in Logan county, Ohio. John W. Glendening grew to manhood on the farm, attended the rural schools, and during the Civil War he enlisted in Company C., Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he made an excellent record as a soldier for the Union. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war and returned home. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Rush township where he spent his life, dying in 1887. His widow survives and makes her home in Bellefontaine, Ohio. To these parents three children were born, namely: Stella married Jeff D. Welty, a railroad man of Bellefontaine, employed by the Big Four railroad, and his family consists of two children—Reba and Richard; Earl L., a brakeman on the Toledo & Ohio Central railroad, living at Columbus, Ohio; he married Grace Darnell and they have three children, and Allen M., of this sketch.

Allen M. Glendening grew to manhood on the home farm, and he attended the district schools, but he started out in life for himself when only sixteen years old, working out by the month for three years. He went to Bellefontaine where he followed teaming for some time. In 1901 he married Carrie G. Owen, of Woodstock, Ohio. She is a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Owen, of Rush township, Champaign county. To Mr. and Mrs. Glendening eight children have been born, named as follows: Robert N., Dorothy E., Fred O., William T., Donna E., Mary J., Harriet May, and Louis, who died in infancy.

After his marriage the subject of this sketch located in Wayne township, this county, on a farm, owning at one time one hundred three and one-half acres of the old home place, buying out the other two heirs. Later

he traded the farm for the brick livery barn in North Lewisburg, and conducted the same for a short time, but not liking the livery business he traded his barn for a farm in Logan county and lived there three years, then sold out and bought one hundred and seventy-two acres in Union county. He sold seventy-five acres of that place, then bought sixty-one acres in that county, which was well improved. Returning to North Lewisburg he lived there three years then rented three hundred and sixty acres in Rush township, where he has been engaged in general farming and stock raising for the past six years. He has been very successful and has a well cultivated place. He feeds a large number of cattle and hogs annually for the market, also makes a specialty of breeding Belgian horses. He now owns two fine stallions, "Indigene III" and "Major De Russelede." He also owns two thoroughbred mares, "Alice" and "Finna De Bars," and several head of Holstein cows. He also carries on a small dairy business. He keeps Duroc-Jersey red hogs, raising from one hundred and fifty to two hundred annually.

Politically, he is a Republican. He was elected commissioner of Champaign county in 1915 and is still incumbent of that office, the duties of which he is discharging in an able and satisfactory manner. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, including the blue lodge and the chapter at North Lewisburg, and the commandery at Urbana, and the Knights of Pythias at North Lewisburg. He is a member of the Grange.

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#### ORA M. CLARK.

Ora M. Clark, one of the best-known sheep breeders in the United States, proprietor of the grain elevator at Cable, this county, dealer in coal at that place and a manufacturer of stock foods, former trustee of Wayne township and for years actively identified with the general business interests of that part of the county, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Wayne township, about two and a half miles south of Cable, May 18, 1877, son of Peter and Lucy Clark, natives of Virginia, who came to Ohio after their marriage and located in Champaign county, making their home on the farm above mentioned south of Cable, where they still live. Peter Clark was trained as a carpenter, but upon coming to this county became a farmer and was successful. In addition to his general farming, he engaged extensively in raising live stock, particularly sheep, and did very well. Though now living practically retired





ORA M. CLARK



from the active labors of the farm, he continues to give considerable personal attention to the sheep business and finds much pleasure in the same.

Reared on the home farm south of Cable, Ora M. Clark received his education in the schools of that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was a valued aid to his father in the work of developing and improving the farm and in assisting in the raising of the purebred live stock his father early started on the place. He early gave his particular attention to sheep raising and he and his father became widely known among the breeders of purebred Cottswold sheep throughout the United States. When Mr. Clark decided to go into the Cottswold line on an extensive scale he went to Canada and personally selected his stock from the famous flocks of the Garbutts, the Thompsons and others of equal note there and thus stocked the Clark farm with as good stock as could be found. Consequently, it was not long until he became one of the best-known "knights of the crook" in the United States, the products of the Clark flock taking prizes all over the country. In 1901 Mr. Clark's sheep took first prize and sweepstakes at the New York state fair at Syracuse and they also have taken firsts or seconds at the state fairs in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska. On the fine Clark farm of four hundred acres south of Cable there is a flock generally maintained at about two hundred head of thoroughbreds and representatives of this flock are shipped to all parts of the country, calls coming from other breeders from coast to coast. In 1908 Mr. Clark engaged in the coal and grain business at Cable and there also became engaged in the manufacture of his widely known stock food, "Vermi-Salz", which is in wide demand among stock raisers throughout the country. Mr. Clark also owns elevators at Mingo and at Hagenbaugh and has done well in the grain business.

In 1896 O. M. Clark was united in marriage to Myrtle Hinton, daughter of Taylor Hinton and wife, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Marjorie. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Clark for years has been an office bearer in the same, having held at one time and another nearly every office in the church. Politically, Mr. Clark is a Republican and has long given his earnest attention to local civic affairs. For some time he served as trustee of Wayne township and in other ways has done his part in the public service, ever helpful in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare in the community in which he has spent his life so usefully. The Clarks have a very pleasant home at Cable and take a proper interest in the general social activities of the village. Mr. Clark is a Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree)

Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the "valley" of Dayton and with the shrine at Dayton, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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### VAN METER BROTHERS.

Among the best known and most progressive farmers and stockmen of Champaign county are the Van Meter Brothers, proprietors of beautiful "Woodbine Farm," in Union township, and breeders of Duroc hogs, Rambouillet sheep, also S. C. W. Leghorn chickens. Edwin R. and J. L. Van Meter are representatives of one of the honored old families of this section of Ohio. They are sons of Joseph R. and Sarah (Bretney) Van Meter, both natives of Clark county, Ohio, where they grew to maturity, attending school. When a young man the father worked on the home farm, continuing there until he removed to Union township, Champaign county, buying the place where his sons, Edwin R. and J. L., now reside. He improved the place and was successful as a general farmer and was an extensive stock raiser. At one time he owned two hundred and forty acres of fine farming land in this township, which he kept well improved, and he ranked among the leading agriculturists of his locality. He carried on active farming until his death, which occurred in 1902. His wife preceded him to the grave in 1894. To these parents four children were born, namely: Edwin R., Charles R., L. Harry and J. L.

J. L. Van Meter grew up on the home farm, and he received his education in the rural schools of Union township, then took up farming on the home place, but a few years later he went to Kentucky one year, where he secured a position as clerk in a store, finally coming back to Clark county, Ohio. After an absence from home altogether of about ten years, he returned to the home farm in Union township, Champaign county, and assisted in operating the home place until the death of his father, when he and his brother, Edwin R., took over the homestead, in 1903, and they have since operated the same in partnership, owning one hundred and forty-six acres. They have kept the land under a high state of improvement and cultivation. Although they carry on general farming successfully, raising a large quantity of grain from year to year, they make stock raising their chief business and their fine stock is greatly admired by all, and it finds a very ready market whenever offered for sale, owing to its superior quality.

They are among the most prominent breeders of live stock in Champaign and adjoining counties, of the type of which they make a specialty. Their Duroc hogs are of the finest and their Rambouillet sheep are in demand all over the country for breeding purposes and are shipped over a wide territory. Their fine Leghorn chickens are also in great demand. They are exceptionally good judges of all kinds of live stock and, being close students of all that pertains to this line of business, they keep well abreast of the times in their line. They have substantial, convenient and modernly equipped buildings for the proper care of their stock, and everything about the place denotes good management and thrift.

J. L. Van Meter is unmarried, but Edwin R. married Amelia Van Pelt, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of Cyrus N. Van Pelt, who married Mildred Hope, of Clark county, Ohio, she of Kentucky. He was a saddler and in early life worked in a drug store.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Van Meter, namely: Rollin C. and Sarah, living, and Ross M. and Joseph R., deceased.

Politically, the Van Meter brothers are Republicans, and they belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of Catawba.

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### GEORGE E. ROPP.

One of the well-remembered and highly esteemed citizens of Union township, Champaign county, during the generation that is past was the late George E. Ropp, who devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits. He was a scion of a sterling old southern family, and his birth occurred in Loudoun county, Virginia, April 15, 1848. He was a son of John W. and Almira Virginia (Penhorn) Ropp, both natives of Virginia, where they grew up, were married and established their home on a farm. They remained there until removing to Clark county, Ohio, and later they came to Champaign county and bought the place where the widow of George E. Ropp is now living, and here they spent the rest of their lives, the death of John W. Ropp occurring in 1882. He had devoted his life to general farming. His family consisted of three children, namely: George E., Mrs. B. F. Hull, and one that died in early life.

George E. Ropp grew to manhood on the home farm and he helped his father with the general work there. He received a common school education in Clark county, later was a student at Wittenburg College at Spring-

field, completing the law course there, and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Upon completing his education Mr. Ropp located in London, Ohio, and at the age of twenty-three was practicing law and also served one term as mayor of London. However, not fancying the law as a life work, although giving promise of becoming one of the leaders of the bar in Madison county, he went to Missouri and turned his attention to teaching school, becoming superintendent of schools at the town of Holden, Missouri, remaining there eight years, during which time he did much to build up the schools, introducing new and improved methods and putting them under a superb system. He was popular with both pupils and teachers, and was regarded as one of the leading educators in that section of the state.

After his teaching career in the West Mr. Ropp returned to Ohio and took up farming on his father's farm in Union township, Champaign county, on which he spent the rest of his life, engaging in general farming and stock raising with success. He became owner of two hundred acres of good land, which he kept well improved and well cultivated, and kept the buildings well repaired and the surroundings attractive in general.

Mr. Ropp was married at Holden, Missouri, on July 10, 1883, to Anna L. Batsell. She was born in Simpson county, Kentucky, July 16, 1864, and when young went to Holden, Missouri. She was educated in the public schools. She is a daughter of John and Ellen (Whiteside) Batsell. He and she both were born in Simpson county, Kentucky, near Franklin. He was a farmer all his life. They lived most of their lives in Kentucky, and she are both dead. They had six children, Florence, Alice, William, Frank, Anna L., Gordon. They were members of the Baptist church at Holden, Missouri.

To George E. Ropp and wife three children were born, namely: Ouide B., married Mayme Long and they have one child, George, a farmer on the home place; Kersey C., who married Kate Smith and lives on the home place; Rolla married Essie Stipp and they have two children, Horace E. and Carrol, who lives in Goshen township, a farmer and member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Ouide B. and Kersey C. are members of the Masonic order at Mechanicsburg.

Politically, Mr. Ropp was a Democrat and was one of the leaders of his party in Champaign county, active and influential in public affairs. He was a member of the school board. Fraternally, he belonged to the Masonic order at Holden, Missouri.

Mr. Ropp was called to his eternal rest on July 29, 1915, and was buried at Mechanicsburg, Ohio.



## HENRY ELLSWORTH.

Henry Ellsworth, farmer of Rush township, Champaign county, was born in Plymouth county, Iowa, in June, 1861. He is a son of William and Harriet (Kimble) Ellsworth, natives of Rush township. William was the son of Jacob Ellsworth, a native of Vermont, who married Sarah Runyon, and they were early settlers in Rush township. They reared a large family and several of their sons were in the Civil War, William being one of the younger children. He was educated in the common schools, and he married in Rush township in 1845. He went to Iowa overland in a wagon in an early day, bought land there, and his death occurred near Sioux City. His family consisted of five children, namely: Frank is farming at Grand Valley, South Dakota; Abbie married Ezra Woodward of Columbus, Ohio; Walter is farming in Rush township; Henry of this sketch; and Mary, who married Jacob Swisher of Mechanicsburg, Champaign county. The mother of these children were married a second time, her last marriage being to Ephraim Woodward of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and he was an early settler of Wayne and Rush townships, this county. His death occurred in 1902 at the age of ninety-one years. His wife died in 1911 at the age of seventy-four years. They had one daughter, Jane Woodward, who married James Sparks, and they live at Irvin Station, Ohio.

Henry Ellsworth grew up on the home farm and he received a limited education in the public schools. At the age of five years he went to live with his aunt, Mrs. Lucy Guy, of Madison county. Her death occurred when he was thirteen years old, and he then lived with his mother at different places, remaining with her until his marriage on June 10, 1880, to Ada Wilson, who was born in Wayne township, Champaign county. She is a daughter of William and Macy (Winder) Wilson, natives of Wayne township. Mr. Wilson died at North Lewisburg in 1913 at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife died in Wayne township in 1879 at the age of forty-four years. They were members of the Friends church. Five children were born to William Wilson and wife, namely: Nettie is deceased; Rettie, deceased, was the wife of John Peterson; Thomas lives in Little Rock, Arkansas; Charles is farming in Rush township, and Ada, who married the subject of this sketch.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth, namely: Mabel married Rev. Charles Shinn, a minister in the Baptist church and a leader in the state Sunday school work, being secretary of the Ohio State

Sunday School Association; Mr. and Mrs. Shinn have one son, Lawrence. Pearl Ellsworth married Julia Hanson and they had two children, namely: Catherine and Harold, deceased. Both children of the subject of this sketch received good educational advantages.

After his marriage Mr. Ellsworth settled on a farm in Wayne township for a short time. In 1901 he bought his present farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres. It was formerly owned by Pearl Howard and is known as the "Lazy Man's Rest." He carries on general farming and stock raising.

Politically, Mr. Ellsworth is a Republican. He is a member of the local school board. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 167, at Woodstock. His wife is a member of the Friends church.

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### OTTO N. HOWARD.

Otto N. Howard, proprietor of "Oakland Place," Rush township, Champaign county, was born in Milford Center, Ohio, May 15, 1868. He is a son of Nathan and Helen M. (Hathaway) Howard. The father was born in Irwin, Union county, this state, where he grew up and attended school. The mother was also a native of that county where she grew to womanhood and received her education. After their marriage they located two and one-half miles west of Milford Center, Ohio, where they spent the rest of their lives engaged in farming and stock raising. Politically, Nathan Howard was a Republican and was active in the affairs of his county. He served as county commissioner. His father, William Howard, was one of the first settlers at Irwin, Union county. He married Mary McDonald, and devoted the rest of his life to farming there. He had but three children—Nathan, father of the subject of this sketch; William, of Union county, deceased, 1917, and Mary, who died in infancy.

Nathan Howard and wife had three children, namely: Charles Mack, who is engaged in farming and stock raising at Hammond, Kansas, married Lucy Reichenecker; Cone, who is a farmer and stockman of near Milford Center, Ohio, married Alice Hunt; Otto N., of this sketch.

Otto N. Howard grew up on the home farm and he was educated in the schools of Milford Center, Ohio, then attended the State University at Columbus. After leaving school he took up farming, finally buying the J. D. Cranston place in Rush township, Champaign county, one and one-half miles north of Woodstock, which place consists of five hundred acres. He

also owns three hundred acres in Union county, Ohio. Both farms are under a fine state of improvement, with substantial and convenient sets of buildings and the land is kept well tilled. General farming and stock raising is carried on extensively, large numbers of cattle and hogs being fattened each year for the market. He has made a specialty of breeding Belgian horses since 1914. He is one of the progressive and industrious general farmers of the county, being an advocate of modern scientific methods. Everything about his place denotes thrift, good taste and good management. He has an attractive home with up-to-date conveniences. He keeps well posted on all agricultural topics as well as general questions of public import.

Mr. Howard was married on March 23, 1892, to Eunice Smith, of Rush township, Champaign county, and a daughter of A. J. and Delilah Smith, who lived on a farm in Rush township many years, but in 1890 removed to California where they spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring in 1894 and she died in March, 1916.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard three sons have been born, namely: Paul S., Max S. and Donald D. The last named died February 21, 1916.

Mr. Howard is public-spirited and always ready to assist in any movement having for its object the general good of his locality, but he does not aspire to political leadership. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge and chapter at North Lewisburg, also the chapter and Knights Templar at Urbana, and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Columbus. He is a man of excellent business acumen and personally is neighborly, companionable and honest in all his relations with his fellowmen.

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### WILLIAM C. KIMBALL.

William C. Kimball, farmer and stockman at Woodstock, Champaign county, was born on December 17, 1862, in Rush township, this county. He is a son of Truman M. and Mary Jane (Chatfield) Kimball, natives of Vermont. For a record of the Kimball ancestry, the reader is referred to the sketch of D. R. Kimball, which appears on another page of this work. Truman M. and Mary Jane Kimball were parents of two children, namely: Romette married I. D. Howard and they live in Colorado Springs; William C., of this sketch.

William C. Kimball received his education in the home schools. He began life for himself in 1883, continuing general farming on his father's home place until the fall of 1909, when he moved to Woodstock and built

a beautiful home. He is now owner of a fine farm of two hundred and fifty-seven acres in Rush township, which is well improved, including a substantial set of buildings. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser.

On November 15, 1883, Mr. Kimball married Lucy D. Marsh, a daughter of Charles and Laura E. Marsh, who were descendants of Vermont stock. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, namely: Edward Marsh Kimball was educated in the home schools and the Ohio State University, also the Bliss Business College at Columbus; he married Celia Martin, of Woodstock, and to their union three sons have been born, Robert Martin, William Henry and James Edward. Edward M. Kimball is operating his father's farm in partnership, and in connection with general farming he deals extensively in live stock. Marjorie Kimball, second child of the subject of this sketch, was educated in the home schools, later taking a course of two years in domestic science at Athens, Ohio, after which she taught one year in Woodstock; on May 3, 1917, she married Herbert L. Hobert, a farmer of Union county, Ohio. Louise Kimball, youngest child of the subject of this sketch, is unmarried and living at home; she is receiving a good education.

Politically, Mr. Kimball is a Republican. He is president of the school board at Woodstock, and has been trustee for five years. Was a member of the school board of Rush township for five years. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at North Lewisburg and the Knights Templar at Urbana.

Mr. Kimball is a stockholder and director in the People's Bank of Woodstock. The wife of this subject was educated at Woodstock, Ohio, and grew to womanhood at this place. Her father was a buggy maker and blacksmith at Woodstock and died here when the wife of subject was small. Her mother died February 17, 1917. They had three children, Martha E., Charles E. and Lucy D., wife of subject.

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### JACOB M. SHAMBAUGH.

Jacob M. Shambaugh, one of the most progressive farmers of Urbana township, this county, and widely recognized as one of the leading breeders of pure-bred Poland-China (large type) hogs in this part of the state, is a native of the old Keystone state, but has been a resident of this county since the days of his young manhood. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1872, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Burkheimer) Sham-

baugh, both natives of that same state, who spent their last days there. The senior Jacob Shambaugh was reared a farmer and, when a young man, came over into Ohio and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Mansfield. Presently he returned to Pennsylvania, where he married and settled down on a farm in York county, and there spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third-born, the others being David, William, Minnie and Annie.

Reared on the home farm in York county, Pennsylvania, Jacob M. Shambaugh received his education in the schools of that county and when but a boy began working as a farm hand on his own account. When he was nineteen years of age he came to Ohio and began working on a farm in this county. He was married at the age of twenty-four and then rented a farm of four hundred and eighty acres in Union township, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he moved farther north in the county and there rented a farm for four years. He then rented a farm in Urbana township, three years later moving to the Pettigrew place, in that same township, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time, in 1907, he moved to the Hedges farm of three hundred and sixty-five acres in that same township, where he ever since has made his home and where he has very successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. For years Mr. Shambaugh has given particular attention to the breeding of Poland-China hogs for stock purposes and annually sells from one hundred to one hundred and fifty hogs for this purpose, long having been recognized as one of the leading breeders of this type of swine in Ohio. With his hogs Mr. Shambaugh has won enough ribbons to form a good-sized blanket, which he displays with his exhibits at county and state fairs. In 1913 he carried off the first prizes for both boars and sows in the Poland-China class at the state fair and has always carried off honors at the county fair—that is, ever since he entered into the breeding business on something like an extensive scale, about twelve years ago. Mr. Shambaugh is a Republican and during his residence in Union township served for three years as supervisor of highway construction in that township.

In 1896 Jacob M. Shambaugh was united in marriage to Jeannette Wagner, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Wagner, of Clark county, and to this union five children have been born, Amos, Joseph, Margaret, Anna Mary and Minnie, all of whom are at home. The Shambaughs are members of the Baptist church and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live. Mr. Shambaugh is a member of the lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



at Urbana, of the Knights of Pythias at Mechanicsburg and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Mutual, in which latter lodge he has held all the "chairs". He carries on his farming in accordance with up-to-date methods and is widely known throughout the county as one of the progressive agriculturists of this section.

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### ROWLAND COTTON MOULTON.

One of the sterling pioneer citizens of Champaign county, whose name is deserving of perpetuation on the pages of local history, was the late Rowland Cotton Moulton, of Rush township. He was born in West Randolph, Vermont, February 5, 1821. He was a son of Phineas and Mariah (Cotton) Moulton, natives of Vermont, where they grew up, married and established their home, spending their lives there on a farm. Their family consisted of two sons and eleven daughters. One of the daughters, Lavinia, taught music three years in Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

Rowland C. Moulton grew to manhood in Vermont and was educated in the public schools and the academy at West Randolph. He read law and was admitted to the bar. When a young man he went to Wisconsin, being a pioneer of that state, later locating at Grand Detour, Illinois, where an uncle had preceded him. He became a successful lawyer, specializing in settling estates. He subsequently moved to Woodstock, Champaign county, Ohio, where he did a great deal of the legal work of Erastus Martin.

Mr. Moulton was married in Rush township to Olive Pearl Howard, who was born in that township, and there she grew to womanhood and attended a private school at Mechanicsburg. Her birth occurred on February 3, 1832. She is a daughter of Anson and Olive (Pearl) Howard. Mr. Howard and wife were natives of Hampton, Connecticut. In 1817 they came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating among the pioneers of Rush township, Mr. Howard buying military land. He developed a good farm and became one of the leading farmers and stockmen of his locality. He was influential in public affairs, and served as county commissioner. He also took an active part in the Christian church. The brick house which he built on his farm in Rush township is now occupied by Mrs. Moulton, widow of the subject of this memoir. Mr. and Mrs. Howard spent the rest of their lives on this farm, dying here many years ago. They had three sons and one daughter, namely: Anson Pearl Howard married Elizabeth Jane Mc-



Donald, became an extensive farmer in Rush township where he died some time ago; George P., deceased; married Celesta Chapman, of Woodstock, and she later married a Mr. Purcell; Charles Philip died in infancy; Olive Pearl, who married Mr. Moulton, of this sketch.

Two children were born to Rowland C. Moulton and wife, namely: Olive Pearl Moulton, died when four years old, and Mary, who married Charles Bell Whiley, an attorney and banker of Lancaster, Ohio, and they have two children, namely: Dorothy Bell Whiley, who married Philip Pising Peters, a banker of Lancaster, who has three children, namely: Mary Idelle, Philip Pising and Henry Charles, who were twin sons. Olive Pearl Whiley is single and living at home.

After his marriage Mr. Moulton located on the farm where his widow is still living, in Rush township, and here he spent the rest of his life. He was a successful farmer and took great interest in his fine stock, especially the raising and breeding of Rambouillet sheep and Shorthorn cattle. He was a loyal Republican. He was a member of the Episcopal church. He was a man of honor and bore an untarnished reputation. The death of Mr. Moulton occurred on May 27, 1908.

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### JOHN S. McCARTY.

John S. McCarty, farmer of Rush township, Champaign county, was born on the old home farm in this township, November 19, 1865. He has been content to spend his life in his native locality, rather than seek uncertain fortune in other counties or states. He is a son of Enoch and Rebecca (Morgan) McCarty. The father was born on January 11, 1833, in this county, and he was a son of Stephen McCarty, of Virginia, from which state he came to Champaign county, Ohio, in an early day, built a log cabin in the woods, cleared and developed a good farm and here spent the rest of his life. Rebecca Morgan was born in Wayne township, this county, and is still living on the home place. She is a daughter of Abel Morgan, who first married Naomi Cox, and secondly Keziah Blair, of this county. Mr. Morgan devoted his life to farming. He went to Kansas in later years and died there. He was the father of eight children, four by each wife. To Stephen McCarty and wife six children were born, namely: Betsy Ann, who first married John Stowe, and secondly a Mr. Meyers; James, who is farming in Wayne township, married, first, Sallie Ann Leese, and secondly Nancy Johnston; John married Minerva Johnston, moved to Auglaize county,

Ohio, and died there; Daniel married Angeline Zimmerman, of Auglaize county; Enoch, father of the subject of this sketch, and Thomas, who died in early life.

Enoch McCarty devoted his life to general farming and stock raising. He was a Republican, but was never active in political affairs. His family consisted of but two children, namely: Sarah Louise, who married John W. Ratchford, a farmer of Urbana township; John S., of this sketch.

John S. McCarty grew to manhood on the home farm and was educated in the public schools. He has always lived on the homestead and has devoted his life successfully to general agricultural pursuits. He owns a finely improved and well cultivated farm of three hundred and twenty-four acres in Rush township. He has a pleasant home and such outbuildings as his needs require. He raises a good grade of live stock and breeds a good many cattle. He raises large quantities of grain which he feeds, for the most part, to cattle and hogs, preparing several carloads each year for the market.

Mr. McCarty was married on December 22, 1891, to Susie Cushman, of Woodstock, this county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. She is a daughter of Charles A. Cushman, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work, to which the reader is respectfully directed. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. McCarty, Charles E. McCarty, whose birth occurred on September 7, 1907.

Politically, Mr. McCarty is a Republican, but he has never aspired for office. He is a member of the Universalist church at Woodstock.

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### JOHN H. WOOLENHAN.

John H. Woolenhan, a well-known building contractor at Urbana and an honored veteran of the Civil War, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Urbana since 1887. He was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Logan on September 25, 1840, son of Joseph and Hannah (Havens) Woolenhan, the former a native of the state of Maryland and the latter of this state, whose last days were spent in Logan county.

Joseph Woolenhan came to this state from Maryland in the days of his young manhood and presently acquired a tract of unimproved land in Logan county and proceeded to clear and develop the same. After his marriage to a daughter of one of the pioneers of that neighborhood he established his

home on the place he had taken and there he and his wife spent their last days, useful and influential members of that pioneer community. Joseph Woolenhan originally was a Whig in his political affiliations, but upon the organization of the Republican party cast his lot and allegiance with that party and remained a staunch Republican to the time of his death. He and his wife were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were helpful in all neighborhood good works. They were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Sophia, long since deceased.

John H. Woolenhan grew up on the paternal farm in Logan county and received a limited schooling in the somewhat primitive schools of that time and place, the school house in which he received his schooling having been a little old log school house of the type familiar in pioneer days, with slabs for seats and but the crudest helps to learning. As the only son of the family he was from the days of his boyhood a valued aid to his father in the labors of improving and developing the home place and was working at home when the Civil War broke out. Though but twenty years of age at the time President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers he enlisted for service in the Union army, on April 22, 1861, becoming a private of Company A, Thirteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the expiration of the three-months term of service on which his enlistment was based. Three days after his return home from that term of service he re-enlisted and went to the front as a member of Company G, First Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered into the service for the second time at Dayton, being sent thence to Cincinnati and later to Louisville, where the command was organized and attached to the Department of Ohio. Later the First Ohio was attached to the Fourth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, under General Thomas and General Ward, and in that service Mr. Woolenhan took part in the battle of Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, on to Huntsville, Alabama, and then participated in the battle of Stone's River, in which latter engagement he was taken prisoner by the enemy and held for some little time before being exchanged. After rejoining his regiment he participated in the battles at Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca, Dallas and numerous skirmishes. He served under Sherman during the Atlanta campaign and at the close of the war received his discharge at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Upon the completion of his military service John H. Woolenhan returned home and resumed the pursuits of peace on his father's farm. He married in 1866 and continued farming, at the same time taking up the carpenter

trade and presently became an expert builder, after awhile giving his whole attention to that vocation. In 1887, seeking a wider field for his building operations, Mr. Woolenhan moved to Urbana, started in business there as a building contractor and has ever since been thus engaged in that city, being one of the best-known builders in Champaign county. Not long after taking up his residence in Urbana, Mr. Woolenhan was made a member of that city's police force and for fifteen years served in that capacity. He is a staunch Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, an ardent advocate of good government.

In 1866, in Logan county, John H. Woolenhan was united in marriage to Anna Ferguson, of Rochester, New York, and to that union three daughters have been born, namely Jennie, who married Wesley Smith, of Urbana, now residing at Cleveland, where he is serving as auditor for the Adams Express Company, and has two children, Paul S. and Louise; Minnie, proprietor of a millinery store at Urbana, who married Grant Wooley, an Urbana traveling man, and Lelah, who married Frank Conyers, an Urbana jeweler, and has one child, a son, George. Mr. and Mrs. Woolenhan are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church work, Mr. Woolenham is an active member of W. A. Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has held nearly all the offices at one time and another, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

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### ROBERT EARL HUMPHREYS.

Robert Earl Humphreys, head of the firm of Humphreys & Son, proprietors of the oldest undertaking establishment in Champaign county, and for years one of the best-known citizens of Urbana, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Enon, in the neighboring county of Clark, May 11, 1872, son of George H. and Ida L. (Miller) Humphreys, both of whom were born in that same county and the latter of whom is still living at her comfortable home in Urbana.

In a memorial sketch presented elsewhere in this volume and relating to the late George Harvey Humphreys, an honored veteran of the Civil War and for years engaged in the undertaking business at Urbana, who died at his home in that city on February 27, 1916, there is set out at considerable length something of the history of the Humphreys and Miller families in

this part of the state, and the attention of the reader is respectfully called to that sketch for further details of a genealogical character in this connection. Suffice it to say, for the purposes of this present narrative, that George H. Humphreys was born in Clark county, this state, on November 27, 1842, a son of James and Catherine (Kiefer) Humphreys, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Maryland, who were married in the spring of 1824 and settled on a farm in Clark county, this state, where they became useful and influential pioneers and where they spent the remainder of their lives, the former living to nearly eighty years of age. Of their ten children, George H. Humphreys was the ninth in order of birth. He left Williamsburg College when eighteen years of age to enlist for service in behalf of the Union cause during the Civil War and went to the front with the Sixteenth Ohio Battery, with which command he served from August, 1861, to August, 1865, being mustered out with the rank of corporal. After his marriage in 1868 he continued to live in Clark county, engaged in farming, until 1872, when he moved to Urbana, where he bought an old established undertaking establishment and continued engaged there as a funeral director until his retirement and transfer of the business to his son and for years his partner, the present head of the business. George H. Humphreys and wife were the parents of two sons, the subject of this sketch having had a younger brother, Harry French, born on October 8, 1876, who died at the age of four years and two months.

Robert E. Humphreys was but an infant when his parents moved from the farm to Urbana and he was reared in that city, being made familiar with the details of his father's business from the days of his boyhood. Upon completing the course in the Urbana high school he entered Wittenberg College at Springfield, and after three years of study there took a course of one year at the Cincinnati Business College, at the end of which course he became actively connected with his father in the undertaking business at Urbana and in 1892 was made a partner of his father, the firm thereafter being known as George H. Humphreys & Son, that mutually agreeable arrangement continuing until in 1915, in which year the elder Humphreys retired, selling his interest in the concern to his son, who has since continued the business, which is now conducted under the firm name of Humphreys & Son, R. E. Humphreys having admitted his son, R. M. Humphreys, to partnership in the concern. For ten years after he became a partner in the business R. E. Humphreys traveled for the Springfield Metallic Casket Company, calling on the wholesale trade throughout the East. The concern of which he is the head is the oldest undertaking establishment in Champaign county and



one of the best equipped in the state. For forty-three years its business was carried on at the southeast corner of Church and Main streets and after Mr. Humphreys bought out his father's interest and assumed control of the business he bought the old Stadler home and converted the same into an undertaking establishment, at the same time adding to his equipment until he now has everything thoroughly up to date and modern in appointment. Mr. Humphreys is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of all the local Masonic bodies, including the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Consistory, of Dayton Ohio, and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Antioch Temple, at Dayton. He also is a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association and of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the affairs of all these organizations takes a warm interest.

On November 24, 1894, Robert E. Humphreys was united in marriage to Rovilla Edna Mumpher, daughter of John J. and Augusta (Gest) Mumpher, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Robert Mumpher Humphreys, who is associated with his father in the undertaking business.

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### HENRY D. McDONALD.

Henry D. McDonald, one of the best known merchants of Urbana for half a century, was born in the city October 5, 1831, and died here October 9, 1901. His whole career was spent in the city of his birth and such was his life that he merited the high esteem in which he was held by all those who knew him. He was a son of Duncan and Eleanor (Wallace) McDonald, his father being one of the earliest merchants of the city. The history of the McDonald family from the time they left Scotland until they located in Urbana is given in the sketch of Duncan McDonald elsewhere in this volume.

Henry D. McDonald was reared in Urbana and educated in its public schools. He spent his boyhood vacations in his father's store and before reaching his majority had gained an intimate knowledge of his father's business. His father retired from the business in 1860 and at that time turned the store over to his sons. For forty years he was engaged in business and during these two score of years he became as well known by the people of the county as any man living in it.

It seems fitting to make special mention of his ability as a buyer of dry goods. He had good taste and was often offered positions in the East while



buying goods, but always refused them, preferring to remain in Urbana. His store had the best goods which the markets of New York could provide and in his annual trips to that city he selected the highest price goods which he thought could be sold in the county. His store set the pace in fashions for half a century and it was to his credit that he educated the people of the county to a realization of higher notions of art in the matter of sartorial raiment.

Henry D. McDonald was married November 18, 1853, to Leah Read, a daughter of Joel and Leah Read. To this union were born six children: Joel R., born August 9, 1854, died July 23, 1896; Mary, born October 31, 1856, married Charles Brown; Emily, born May 9, 1864, died October 31, 1897; she married C. C. Glessner; Harry R., born November 18, 1866; Leah, born June 7, 1872, now residing in Urbana; William Wallace, born December 12, 1875, died June 1, 1880. The mother of these children died, May 15, 1878. Mr. McDonald later married Elsie Critchfield, a daughter of Enoch and Maria Critchfield.

Mr. McDonald was a Republican in politics and while he was interested in the general civic development of his city and county, yet he never made any attempt to court political favor. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He will be remembered by the citizens of the older generation as a quiet and unostentatious man, below the medium height, of genteel appearance and a man who always attended strictly to his own affairs. He was one of the last of the McDonalds to engage in business and his career was a fitting close to the example set by the earlier members of the family in Champaign county.

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### JOSEPH CARL NEER.

Prof. Joseph C. Neer, county superintendent of schools for Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life with the exception of a few months during his childhood when he lived in Kansas. He was born on a farm in Urbana township on November 16, 1875, son of Joseph and Sarah (Chance) Neer, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in Concord township and the latter in Mad River township, both the Neers and the Chances being old pioneer families in Champaign county. Joseph Neer was a farmer and continued engaged in that vocation in this county until 1876, when he moved with his family to Kansas.

where his wife died the same year. Not long afterward he disposed of his holdings in that state and moved on down into Texas, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring some years ago.

Joseph C. Neer was but eight months old when his mother died and shortly after that sad event his father sent him back to the old family home in this county and he was here reared by his uncle and aunt, Thomas and Jane Hupp. Upon completing the course in the common schools he began teaching in one of the district schools of Concord township and for four years taught in one district there, the school being conducted in a small one-room building. Meanwhile he was in attendance on the summer courses in Wittenberg College at Springfield and upon completing the course there was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. When the schools of Concord township were consolidated Professor Neer was made superintendent of the township high school and held that position for four years, at the end of which time he was called to accept the principalship of the South Ward school in Urbana, a position he occupied for seven years, rendering such excellent service there that he then was made principal of the Urbana high school and was occupying that position when, in 1914, upon the creation of the new office of county superintendent of schools, under the new school law, he was elected the first county superintendent of schools for Champaign county, which position he now occupies and in the performance of the duties of which he has rendered a very distinct service in behalf of the schools of this county, coming to be recognized widely as one of the leading school men in this part of the state. Professor Neer is a Republican in his political affiliation and has for years given his close attention to local political affairs, a most earnest exponent of good government.

On September 8, 1898, Prof. J. C. Neer was united in marriage to Avanell Loudenback, daughter of Elijah and Sidney (Kelly) Loudenback, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Robert. Professor and Mrs. Neer are members of Grace Methodist Episcopal church and take an earnest interest in the general beneficences of the same, the Professor being a member of the official board of the church. The Professor is a Knight Templar and Royal Arch Mason, present junior warden of the local Masonic lodge, and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Antioch Temple at Dayton, and takes an active interest in Masonic affairs. As the first incumbent of the office of county superintendent of schools in Champaign county, Professor Neer faced a rather taxing task upon opening that office and in initiating the system under which the schools of the county have since done such admirable work, but his long

experience as a school man and his thorough familiarity with conditions both in the city and county schools, gave him the ability to meet the task intelligently and with full knowledge of the needs of the schools and his course as superintendent has met with the warm approval not only of the patrons of the schools throughout the county, but of the local school authorities.

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### EDWIN M. GUYTON.

Edwin M. Guyton, a farmer of Rush township, Champaign county, was born north of Mutual, Union township, this county, November 6, 1864. He is a son of Samuel and Nancy (Yeazel) Guyton, the father a native of Clark county, this state, and the mother was born in Union township, Champaign county. Samuel Guyton was brought to Union township, this county, when young and here he spent his boyhood days and attended the common schools. As a young man he took up farming north of Mutual, was married and spent the rest of his life on a farm in that vicinity. His death occurred there in October, 1913, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife died in June, 1905. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. To these parents six children were born, namely: Belle is the wife of Henry Ackles, of Atlantic, Iowa; Mary, unmarried, is a milliner and lives in Louisiana; Edwin M., of this sketch; Minnie, who married Charles Black, is now deceased; Nellie married Robert Ray and they live at Norwood, Ohio; Myrtle is the wife of Charles Gaver, a farmer of Union township, this county.

Edwin M. Guyton grew to manhood on the home farm and he was educated in the Yankee Hill school, in this county. He continued to work on the home farm until his marriage, which took place in September, 1887, to Jennie Parker, a native of Union township, Champaign county, and here she grew to womanhood and attended the public schools. She is a daughter of Frank J. and Annie (Romine) Parker, the father a native of New Hampshire and the mother a native of Goshen township, this county. Mr. Parker spent his boyhood in New England, coming to Champaign county, Ohio, when a young man and located in Union township, before the breaking out of the Civil War. When hostilities began he enlisted in Company I, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war, proving to be a brave and efficient soldier of the Union. After his honorable discharge he returned home and engaged in general farming in

Union township until his death in 1875, his widow surviving until 1890. Jennie, who married Mr. Guyton, of this review, was their only child.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Guyton, namely: Gail Parker, born October 9, 1890; Lois Marie, born September 27, 1904, and Frances died at the age of nine months.

After his marriage Mr. Guyton located on a farm in Union township, near Mutual, where he resided two years, then moved to Rush township and bought the Stephen K. Smith place of seventy-three acres, and here he has carried on general farming and stock raising ever since, with very satisfactory results. He keeps a good grade of cattle, hogs and horses. He moved here in 1891. He has made many important improvements on the place and has a good group of buildings.

Mr. Guyton is a Republican. He has been a member of the school board at Woodstock for some time and is now president of the board. He belongs to the Grange.

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### TRUMAN B. GEST.

Truman B. Gest, a prominent retired farmer and live-stock dealer of this county and former general manager of the Urbana Packing Company, with residence at Urbana, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Mt. Tabor on February 16, 1855, son of William B. and Harriet Matilda (Parke) Gest, he a native of Greene county, this state, and she a native of New Jersey, and whose last days were spent in this county.

William B. Gest was a son of Jeremiah and Parmelia Gest, the former of whom was a New Englander and the latter a native of Ohio, whose last days were spent in Greene county. Jeremiah Gest was one of the early settlers and best-known residents of Greene county, a miller and large landowner. He and his wife were the parents of three sons, the Hon. Joseph Gest, one-time prosecuting attorney for Greene county, former representative in Congress from that district and a large landowner, who took a very prominent part in the public affairs of his home district; Truman B. Gest, who became a wealthy merchant tailor, the scene of his business activities having been in Maryland and Virginia and whose last days were spent in Urbana, where he died at the age of eighty-three years, and William B. Gest, the father of the subject of this biographical sketch. William B. Gest grew to manhood in his home county and was there married. About 1848

he came to Champaign county and bought a farm in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood, where he established his home and where he remained until his retirement from the farm and removal to Urbana about 1883. He was one of the large landowners and stockmen of this part of the state and was widely known on account of his extensive operations. William B. Gest died in 1888, at the age of sixty-three years and his widow survived him for twelve years, her death occurring at Urbana in 1900, she then being seventy-eight years of age. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was ever a leader in local good works. William B. Gest and wife were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third child born, the others being as follow: Augusta, who married J. J. Mumpher, of Urbana, and has three children, Rovilla, wife of Earl Humphries, of Urbana; Ethel, wife of Clyde Brown, of Seattle, Washington, and Helen; Laura, who died in 1883, at the age of thirty-two years, and Belle, who married J. F. Kimball, of Mechanicsburg, this county, and died in February, 1888.

Truman B. Gest grew up on the home farm in this county and early began paying particular attention to the live-stock business. In addition to his extensive general farming he became a large dealer in livestock, for eight years buying cattle for Nelson Morris, of Chicago, and for twelve years buyer for Alexander Greenwald. He was one of the most active promoters of the organization of the Urbana Packing Company in 1906 and was made president and general manager of that concern upon its establishment. Mr. Gest remained as manager of the packing plant until 1915, when he retired from active business. He has a very pleasant home in Urbana and is very comfortably situated. Mr. Gest retains his well-improved farm in Salem township and continues to take much interest in the farming and stock-feeding operations carried on there. He is a Republican in his political affiliations and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On December 15, 1881, Truman B. Gest was united in marriage to Mamie B. Enoch, of West Liberty, this state, daughter and only child of John and Amelia (Taylor) Enoch, prominent residents of that place, the former of whom was a son of John and Elizabeth Enoch, natives of Virginia and early settlers at West Liberty. To Mr. and Mrs. Gest five children have been born, namely: Laura E., wife of George L. Thomas, buyer and assistant manager of the "Hub" store at Chicago, and who had one child, a daughter, Catherine W., who died on March 21, 1900, at the age of seven years and six months; Amelia, who married W. G. Bailey, super-



intendent of the Cincinnati division of the Big Four railroad, with headquarters at Springfield, this state, and has one child, a son, William Gest; William B., of Toledo, this state, a car-route man for the G. H. Hammond Company, of Chicago; Belle K., at home, and Harriet Eliza, wife of William Marvin Johnson, of Urbana, connected with the W. B. Marvin Company and also a farmer and stockman. Mr. Gest is a Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of both of which organizations he takes a warm interest. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and have ever taken a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community, ever helpful in promoting all movements designed to advance the common welfare hereabout. Mr. Gest is a public-spirited citizen and has done much to promote the industrial and commercial activities of Urbana and of the county at large. As a stockman there are few men in that line in this part of the state better known than he and he has done much to advance the live stock industry throughout this section.

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### ELIJAH J. HANNA.

Elijah J. Hanna, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a well-known retired merchant of Urbana, is a native of Virginia, but has been a resident of this county since he was fifteen years of age. He was born in Nicholas county, Virginia, now a part of West Virginia, April 7, 1844, son of Moses and Sarah (Kellison) Hanna, both also natives of the Old Dominion, the former born in Nicholas county and the latter in Pocahontas county.

Moses Hanna was a farmer and stockman and spent all his life in his native county, his death occurring there not long after the close of the Civil War. He was twice married. His first wife, Sarah Kellison, died in 1854, leaving five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Nathan, deceased; David, who died during the time of the Civil War; Elizabeth, of Kanawha county, West Virginia, and C. B. Hanna, a well-known retired farmer of Mad River township, this county, now living at Urbana and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume.

Reared on the farm, Elijah J. Hanna received a limited schooling in the primitive schools of his home neighborhood. He was ten years of age when his mother died and when fifteen years of age, in 1859, came over into



Ohio and located in this county, presently becoming engaged as a clerk in a store in Concord township and was living there when the Civil War broke out. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company C, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Capt. J. Q. Baird and Col. Charles Candy, and with that command went to Virginia to join Shields' army. At the battle of Cedar Mountain Mr. Hanna was shot in the right shoulder, the bullet passing through his body and coming out near the backbone. Thus seriously wounded he was taken captive by the enemy and was sent to Libby Prison. About a month later he was paroled and sent to Ft. Delaware, where about six months later he received his honorable discharge on a physician's certificate of disability and was sent home. Upon regaining his wonted health Mr. Hanna re-enlisted as a member of the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry and with that command went to Kentucky, thence to Tennessee and thence on with Sherman in that general's march to the sea, continuing his service until the close of the war, receiving his final discharge at Columbus, this state, in 1865. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Hanna returned to this county and presently engaged in the mercantile business at Crayon and was thus engaged at that place until 1903, in which year he moved to Urbana, where he opened a second-hand store and was engaged in that line for a couple of years, at the end of which time he retired from business and has since been living retired, continuing to make his home in Urbana. Mr. Hanna is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

In 1873, in Concord township, this county, Elijah J. Hanna was united in marriage to Margaret J. Crin, who was born in that township in January, 1854, a daughter of William and Melissa (Barger) Crin, natives of Virginia and early settlers in this county, and to that union six children were born, namely: Anna Frances, who married J. K. Bosler, a farmer, who makes his home with Mr. Hanna in Urbana; Zeda, who married Mary Kite and is living at St. Paris, this county, engaged in the railway mail service; John, who married Ella Fitzpatrick and is engaged as a motorman on the street railway at Springfield, this state; Charles Elmer, who also is engaged in the railway mail service, who married Hazel Blose and makes his home at Urbana; Commodore, unmarried, who is a broom-maker at Urbana, and Cecil Blanch, also unmarried, who likewise makes his home at Urbana. Mr. Hanna is an active member of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and is the senior vice-commander of the same. He formerly was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but is no longer actively affiliated with that order.

## A. H. MIDDLETON, M. D.

Success in any enterprise demands that some person shall learn to do some thing better than it has been done before. It is especially true in the medical profession. As a successful general physician Dr. A. H. Middleton, of Cable, Champaign county, has done much for the cause of suffering humanity and has won the evidences of deserved success for himself. He was born two and one-half miles southeast of Cable, Ohio, January 24, 1863, a son of John and Mary (McCumber) Middleton. He is one of the best known representatives of this generation of the sterling and honored old Middleton family, members of which have been prominent in the affairs of this section of the Buckeye state since pioneer days. A full history of the family will be found in the sketch of Judge Evan P. Middleton, editor of this work, on another page of this volume.

Dr. A. H. Middleton grew to manhood in his native community and received his education in the common schools of Wayne township. He began life for himself by teaching school, which he followed for five years in Wayne, Rush, Mad River and Adams townships. His services were in good demand and he gave eminent satisfaction to both pupils and patrons. Although giving promise of becoming one of the leading educators of this section of the state, he finally decided that the medical profession had greater attractions for him and, abandoning the school room, he entered the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College, where he spent three years, making an excellent record and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1887. On May 20th of that year he began practice at Cable, continuing until 1890, when he moved to Terre Haute, this county, but after a year there returned to Cable and has since practiced here. He enjoyed from the first a large and satisfactory patronage and takes high rank among the medical men of Champaign and adjoining counties. He has remained a close student of all that pertains to his profession and has kept well abreast of the times.

Doctor Middleton was married, on January 1, 1888, to Alice Baker, a daughter of A. R. and Rebecca (Weaver) Baker. She was born in Mad River township, this county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. In that township also her parents grew up and married. Her grandparents, Frederic and Lydia Baker, who came to Champaign county from Maryland, were pioneer settlers in Mad River township, where they spent the rest of their lives on a farm. A. R. Baker also devoted his life to

farming in Mad River township. His family consisted of five children, one of whom died in infancy, namely: Harry; Effie married Brown Seibert; Gertrude married Monroe Berry; Alice is the wife of Doctor Middleton. A. R. Baker died on January 1, 1917, and his wife died on February 27, 1902.

The union of Doctor Middleton and wife resulted in the birth of four children, only one of whom is now living, Rollin Perry, who married Nellie Gettles, and they have one child, Alice Jean.

Politically, Doctor Middleton is a Republican and has long taken an abiding interest in public affairs. He has held the office of justice of the peace and has also been health officer at Cable for a number of years, discharging his duties in both positions in an able, faithful and satisfactory manner. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is a trustee in the same.

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### HORACE M. CROW.

Horace M. Crow, city auditor of Urbana, former city solicitor and for years a practicing attorney in that city, was born in the city of Cincinnati on April 4, 1855, son of Thomas D. and Henrietta (Downs) Crow, who located in Urbana early in the sixties. Thomas D. Crow was an attorney-at-law and upon locating at Urbana engaged there in the practice of his profession and was thus engaged until his death, the greater part of that time being associated in practice with his elder son, Herman D. Crow, who later moved West to the state of ~~Washington~~ and served eleven years on the supreme bench of that state and died on October 22, 1915, while in office.

Upon completing the course in the Urbana public schools, Horace M. Crow entered Ohio Wesleyan University and after a course of two years there began teaching school and was thus engaged, in Champaign and Franklin counties, for three years, in the meantime studying law. He later became a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Urbana, but continued to study law, under the direction of his father and brother, and in December, 1878, was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession at Urbana. In the spring of 1881 he moved to Van Wert, was married in the fall of the next year, and continued to make his home at Van Wert until 1884, serving one term as deputy clerk of the courts while living there. Upon his return to Urbana in 1884, Mr. Crow resumed the practice of law in that city and was thus engaged there until in February, 1887, when he moved to

Columbus, where he entered upon the duties of the office of deputy in the office of the clerk of the state supreme court, to which he had been appointed, and upon the completion of his service in that capacity in 1893 returned to Urbana and resumed his practice. In 1895 he was elected city solicitor and served in that capacity until 1899, in which year he re-entered the practice of the law and has since been practicing alone. In 1910 Mr. Crow was elected city auditor and is still serving in that important public capacity. In 1893, upon the organization of the Industrial Building and Loan Association at Urbana, Mr. Crow was elected secretary of that association and has ever since occupied that position.

It was on October 19, 1882, while living at Van Wert, that Horace M. Crow was united in marriage to Frances Kenaga, daughter of W. F. Kenaga and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Crow are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Crow is a member of the local Masonic lodge and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same. He is one of Urbana's active, public-spirited citizens and has been helpful in promoting numerous agencies designed to advance the common welfare hereabout.

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#### ALBERT C. NEFF.

Albert Cleveland Neff, manager of the Urbana Telephone Company and one of the best-known men in Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life, with the exception of some years spent in the telephone service in the neighboring cities of London, Bellefontaine and Kenton. He was born at Terre Haute, in Mad River township, March 26, 1865, son of Jacob and Celesta (Baker) Neff, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families in that part of the county, the former dying at his home in Mad River township and the latter is living at Dayton, to which city she moved after the death of her husband.

Jacob Neff was born on a pioneer farm in Mad River township on October 2, 1838, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Strickler) Neff, who came to this county from Virginia in 1830 and settled on a farm in Mad River township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Samuel Neff became one of the most substantial and influential pioneers of the Terre Haute neighborhood and for twenty years served as trustee of his home township.

He also was elected to the office of justice of the peace, but declined to serve in that capacity. He was one of the leaders in the local congregation of the Methodist church and took an active part in all neighborhood good works. Samuel Neff died in 1865 and had lived to rear the largest family ever reared in Mad River township, eighteen children. He was thrice married. By his first wife, Elizabeth Strickler, he had ten children, five of whom, Isaac, Mary, Peter, David and Abraham, were born in Virginia, and five, John, Henry G., Joseph, Caroline and Jacob, in this county. The mother of these children died on March 23, 1840, and in October of that same year Samuel Neff married Rachel Romick, who died in 1845, leaving four children, Michael, Barbara, Samuel R. and Daniel W. After the death of the mother of these children he married Rachael Landaker, who died in December, 1863, and to that union were born four children, Aaron, Caroline, Jonas and Emma.

Reared on the home farm, Jacob Neff received his schooling in the neighboring schools and early learned the trade of wagon-making, presently opening a wagon shop in the village of Terre Haute in partnership with Ananias Lutz, which he operated in connection with his farming, and became one of the best known men in that part of the county, his wagon shop ever being a popular gathering place for the farmers of that vicinity upon their shopping trips to the village. Jacob Neff married Celesta Baker, who also was born in that township, daughter of Peter and Ann Baker, pioneers of that neighborhood, and to that union three children were born, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Cliffie A., who married E. H. Foltz, and a brother, Adene, who is living in Dayton, Ohio. Jacob Neff died at Terre Haute in 1889 and his widow is still living in Dayton, Ohio.

Albert C. Neff grew up at Terre Haute, receiving his schooling in the schools of that village, and early prepared himself for teaching, for fifteen years thereafter being engaged as a teacher in the schools of Mad River and Jackson townships and in the high school at Mutual, this county. In 1899 he became connected with the office of the Central Union Telephone Company at Urbana and a year later was made manager of the office of that company in the neighboring county seat of London, remaining thus engaged in that city for four years, at the end of which time he was given charge of the offices of the company at Bellefontaine and Kenton, serving as manager of those offices until 1904. He then returned to Urbana and was manager of the Central Union Telephone Company, until 1910, when the Urbana Telephone Company, an independent concern, offered him the position of manager of the office and plant of that company at Urbana and he



accepted, ever since serving in that capacity. During Mr. Neff's managerial connection with the Urbana Telephone Company he has done much to extend the service in that city and adjacent territory and by the introduction of the modern automatic system has done wonders in the way of popularizing the service of the company with which he is connected.

In 1889 Albert C. Neff was united in marriage to Ida B. Fansler, daughter of George and Sarah Fansler, of Mad River township, and to this union two children have been born, Esta and Hazel, both of whom are at home. The Neffs are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Neff is a Mason and an Odd Fellow and takes a warm interest in lodge affairs. He has served as noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and as chief patriarch of the encampment. Politically, he is an "independent."

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### WALTER ELLSWORTH.

Walter Ellsworth, a farmer of Rush township, Champaign county, was born August 2, 1861, in Plymouth county, Iowa. He is a son of William and Harriet (Kimball) Ellsworth, both natives of Rush township, Champaign county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch were Jacob and Sarah (Runyon) Ellsworth, natives of Vermont, from which state they came to Champaign county, Ohio, in an early day, locating on a farm in Rush township. They reared a large family, several of their sons serving in the Union army during the Civil War. William Ellsworth, who was one of the younger children, grew up on the home farm, and he was educated in the public schools and was married in Rush township. In 1845 he made the overland trip to Iowa in wagons. He was one of the pioneers of that state. He owned a good farm, which he developed from the virgin prairies, and spent the rest of his life in that state, dying near Sioux City. His family consisted of five children, namely: Frank is farming near Grand Valley, Corson county, South Dakota; Abbie married Ezra Woodward, of Columbus, Ohio; Walter, of this sketch; Henry is a farmer of Rush township, this county; and Mary is the wife of Jacob Swisher, of Mechanicsburg.

The mother of the above named children married a second time, her last husband being Ephraim Woodward, of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and an early settler of Wayne and Rush townships, this county. His death occurred in 1902 at the age of ninety-one years. His widow survived until



1911, dying at the age of seventy-four years. One child, a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, namely; Jane, who is the wife of James Sparks, of Irwin Station, Ohio.

Walter Ellsworth had little opportunity to obtain an education. He was a child when his parents brought him to Champaign county. As a boy he was bound out for four years to James McElroy, and he worked at different places until he was married, July 13, 1884, to Estella Smith, a native of Woodstock, this county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. She is a daughter of Philip A. and Mary (Hopkins) Smith, who spent their lives on a farm in Rush township. He died October 16, 1881. She died January 22, 1910. They were members of the Christian church. Politically, Mr. Smith was a Democrat, and he was at one time trustee of his township. To these parents only two children were born, namely: Leon C., who is a conductor on the Norfolk & Western railroad, with headquarters in Columbus, married Gertrude Crossan, and they have one child, Philip H.; and Estella, wife of Mr. Ellsworth, of this sketch; Fannie Walker is an adopted daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth two children have been born, namely: Truman, who is now employed at the Dupont Powder Works in Washington; and Howard, who died at the age of eighteen.

After his marriage, Mr. Ellsworth located in Woodstock, this county, where he continued to reside until 1886, when he bought his present farm of eighty acres in Rush township, which he has since operated with gratifying results, carrying on a general farming and dairying business.

Politically, Mr. Ellsworth is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Woodstock. Mrs. Ellsworth is a member of the Christian church at Woodstock.

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### JESSE G. BOTKIN.

Jesse G. Botkin, well-known florist and hot-house gardener at Urbana, proprietor of the well-appointed "East Lawn Gardens" at the edge of that city, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Plattsville, in the neighboring county of Shelby, March 5, 1869, son of Amos and Elizabeth (Vorris) Botkin, both of whom also were born in that same county. For a number of years after his marriage Amos Botkin remained in Shelby county, where he was engaged in farming, and

then moved to Clark county, where he established his home on a farm and where he is still living, being now in the eighty-fifth year of his age. To him and his wife seven children were born, of whom six are still living, but of whom only two are residents of Champaign county, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Samuel Neff, living here.

Having been but a child when he went with his parents from Shelby to Clark county, J. G. Botkin was reared on the home farm in the latter county and in the schools of that county received his early schooling. He supplemented that schooling by a course in Ohio Wesleyan University and two years after leaving that institution took up seriously the vocation of gardening and after a careful study of the technical side of that difficult vocation was made ground keeper and gardener for the National Home for the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Tiffin and laid out the present beautiful grounds of that institution. Two years later Mr. Botkin determined to go into gardening as a business and with that end in view came to Champaign county and began gardening on a tract of land he secured near King's Creek, in Salem township. A year later he moved to Urbana, where he bought nine acres of land on the edge of the town and there established his "East Lawn Gardens," which have become so popular as a source of supply not only for choice garden products, but for the choice products of the florist's skill, among the people of Urbana and the county at large, Mr. Botkin long having been regarded as the leading market gardener and florist in Champaign county. When Mr. Botkin started "East Lawn Gardens" his financial means were somewhat limited and he was compelled to start in a small way, his initial plant under glass consisting of but six hot-beds. He now has more than six thousand square feet under glass and more than two hundred and fifty hot-beds and in addition to his extensive florist business raises for market large quantities of celery and lettuce and several hundred of thousands of cabbage plants annually. He has his plant equipped with the Skinner irrigation system and has one of the best-equipped plants of the kind in this part of the state. Mr. Botkin is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to political affairs, but has never been a seeker after public office.

In 1893, at Tiffin, this state, J. G. Botkin was united in marriage to Ella Kramer, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Kramer, and to this union seven children have been born, Wenner, Esther, Jesse Lee, Ethel, Morris, Theodore and Otto. Mr. and Mrs. Botkin are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Urbana and take an interested part in church work and in the general social activities of the city. Mr. Botkin is a Mason and is a

Knight Templar in that ancient order. He is past chancellor commander of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, a member of Salem Grange at King's Creek and an honorary member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and also past grand in Urbana Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the affairs of all of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

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### JOHN M. EICHHOLTZ.

John M. Eichholtz, one of the oldest and best-known retired farmers of Champaign county, now living at Urbana, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1836, and was but three years of age when his parent, John and Mary (Myers) Eichholtz, also natives of Lancaster county, drove across the country into Ohio seeking a new home in 1839.

Upon coming to this state the elder John Eichholtz rented a farm in the neighborhood of Midway and lived there for one season, at the end of which time he moved to Salem township, this county, and there bought a tract of two hundred and sixty acres of partly improved land, paying for the same fifteen dollars an acre. About fifty acres of that tract had been cleared and there had been erected on the same a log cabin and a log barn. John Eichholtz completed the clearing of the place and made substantial improvements on the same, spending there the remainder of his life. His widow spent her last days in Urbana. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch now is the only survivor, the others having been Jacob, Catherine, Henry, Mary, Solomon, Cynthia and two who died in infancy.

John M. Eichholtz was reared on the pioneer farm of his father in Salem township, receiving his schooling in the primitive schools of that time and place, and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home place. He remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age and then went to Dayton, where he became employed in cooper shop, remaining there two years, at the end of which time he returned home, but after a winter spent there went to Stark county, this state, where he bought a small farm and where he was married. He later established his home on a better farm in that county and there he remained for twenty years, at the end of which time he came to this county and bought a quarter of a section of land near Kingston, in Salem township, not far from the home of his boyhood, and

there he lived until his retirement from the farm and removed to Urbana in 1916. Some time after locating in Salem township Mr. Eichholtz bought the old Talbott farm of one hundred and ten acres and in addition to his farm holdings is also the owner of considerable real estate in the city of Urbana and is accounted quite well-to-do. He has been a hard worker all his life and is very properly entitled to be called a self-made man, for the property he has accumulated has been secured through his own well-directed efforts.

As noted above, it was shortly after he located in Stark county that John M. Eichholtz was united in marriage to Almira Baer, of that county, who died, leaving two children, daughters, Anna, who married Bruner Kenaga, who died, leaving two children, John and Grover, and who, after the death of her first husband married Thomas Allen, of Urbana, and died leaving another child, a daughter, Clara, who is now keeping house for her grandfather, George Allen, of Urbana, and Mary, who died unmarried.

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### GEORGE W. STANDISH.

George W. Standish, superintendent of the Champaign county infirmary and "poor farm," is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Rush township on February 20, 1860, son of George W. and Ellen (Riddle) Standish, and is a representative in the ninth generation by direct descent from Capt. Miles Standish, one of the most famous of the Pilgrim Fathers, whose courtship of Priscilla Mullens was commemorated by Longfellow, in his "Courtship of Miles Standish," wherein it is pointed out that the bashful Captain Standish engaged the services of his friend, John Alden, to present his court to the sprightly Priscilla, whose heart, instead of responding to the Captain's plea, prompted her to hint quite openly to John that he might fare well in a similar suit if he would but speak for himself. Though Captain Standish did not get the fair Priscilla, he presently did marry another of the Pilgrim maidens and reared a family, the descendants of whom now form a considerable family, represented widely throughout the country. Alexander Standish (eldest son of Captain Miles Standish) married the eldest daughter of John Alden and Priscilla and the subject of this sketch is a direct descendant of them. Capt. Miles Standish came with the Pilgrims to America in 1620 and led the exploring expeditions to discover a suitable place for settlement.



MRS. AND MRS. GEORGE W. ST. JAMES





He was appointed military captain of the colony in 1661 and was thus the first commissioned military officer in New England, and rendered valuable service in repelling Indian hostilities. In 1625 he visited England as agent of the colony and returned with supplies in 1626. Captain Standish founded Duxbury in 1632; was a member of the executive council, and for many years treasurer of the colony. George W. Standish traces descent from (1) Capt. Miles Standish through the latter's son, (2) Alexander, (3) Ebenezer, (4) Moses, (5) Moses, (6) Moses, (7) Miles, (8) George W., Sr., (9) George W., Jr.

The senior George W. Standish was born in New York City on March 24, 1838, and came to this county in the days of his young manhood, following here the trade of butcher and settling in Rush township after his marriage to Ellen Riddle. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted as a member of Company G, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command went to the front. While thus serving he was taken prisoner by the enemy and was sent to Libby prison, where he remained until exchanged. He later re-enlisted as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and while serving with that command died at Cumberland, Maryland, June 29, 1864.

The junior George W. Standish was but four years of age when his soldier father died and he was reared at Woodstock, in the schools of which village he received his schooling. He early began to work as a farm hand and after his marriage rented a farm and began to farm on his own account, at the same time engaging in the buying and selling of hay and straw. He later bought a farm and was there engaged in farming until 1906, in which year he was appointed superintendent of the county infirmary and the quarter of a section of land surrounding the same, in which capacity he has so well performed the duties attending that important commission that the county commissioners have ever since retained him in that position. Since Mr. Standish's appointment the commissioners have erected a hospital at the infirmary, the same having a capacity for twenty-five persons, and Mr. Standish keeps the place in first-class condition, his methods of management conforming in all ways to the latest and best-approved principles for the management of eleemosynary institutions of this class.

In 1886 George W. Standish was united in marriage to Martha Cushman and to this union two children have been born, daughters both, Winnie, who married James Zerkle, and Louise, who married Floyd Winner and has one child, a daughter, Miriam. Mr. and Mrs. Standish are members of the

Universalist church at Woodstock and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community in which they live. Mr. Standish is a Republican and has long been accounted one of the leaders of that party in his part of the county. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Patriarchs Militant degree of the same, and has served his loyal lodge as noble grand and the encampment as chief patriarch, having for years taken a warm and active interest in Odd Fellowship.

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### LEE G. PENNOCK.

Lee G. Pennock, city treasurer of Urbana, former postmaster of that city, former member of the city council, former deputy county treasurer and for years one of the best-known merchants in Urbana, was born in the neighboring county of Logan, but has been a resident of Urbana since he was seven years of age. He was born on September 19, 1865, son of John P. and Eliza (Gordon) Pennock, who moved from Logan county to Urbana in the early seventies, John P. Pennock becoming connected with the Hitt & Fuller dry-goods store in that city, a connection he retained for years.

Having been but seven years of age when he moved to Urbana with his parents, Lee G. Pennock received all but his primary schooling in that city and upon leaving school began working in the Gaumer carriage factory and was thus engaged for several years, at the end of which time he took employment with the Illinois Car Company and for a time worked in the plant of that company at Urbana. He then began working in the W. E. Brown clothing store and was thus engaged for nine years, at the end of which time he was made deputy treasurer of the county, serving during the incumbency of D. B. McDonald, county treasurer. During this time Mr. Pennock also served as a member of the city council and during that service was the chairman of the finance committee of the council and of the purchasing committee. In 1907 Mr. Pennock was appointed postmaster of Urbana, his appointment having been sent to the Senate by President Roosevelt three times before it finally was confirmed, and he served in that important public capacity from 1907 to August, 1913. Upon the completion of his official service, Mr. Pennock engaged in the retail lumber business at Urbana, but a short time later sold his business to the Murphy Lumber Company and engaged in the grocery business, buying the old Berry grocery

stand that was established in 1845, and has since been thus engaged at that old-established stand, doing a very good business. Mr. Pennock is a Republican and for years has been looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in this county. In addition to the public service rendered by him and which has been mentioned above, he is now serving as treasurer of the city.

In 1893 Lee G. Pennock was united in marriage to Edna M. Ellis, daughter of Robert Ellis and wife, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Pennock are members of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Pennock being a deacon of the local congregation, and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general social affairs of their home town. Mr. Pennock is a Knight Templar and a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Harmony Lodge No. 8, Free and Accepted Masons, at Urbana; a member of Urbana Chapter No. 34, Royal Arch Masons; a member of Urbana Council No. 59, Royal and Select Masters, and of Raper Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs, long having served as secretary of Harmony lodge, of which he was also past master.

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### THOMAS NEELD.

Thomas Neeld, an honored veteran of the Civil War, former trustee of Salem township and one of the best-known retired farmers of Champaign county, now living at Urbana, where he has made his home for the past ten years or more, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Waynesville, in Warren county, this state, May 16, 1837, son of Joseph and Ellen (Halloway) Neeld, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio.

Joseph Neeld was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and there grew to manhood, learning there the trade of a shoemaker. As a young man he came to this state and located at Waynesville, where he presently opened a shoe shop and became quite successful in that line. There he married Ellen Halloway, who was born in that place, and to that union were born five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Martha, born on February 4, 1837, who died at the age of eighteen years; Lavina, June 18, 1841, widow of John Marsh, who is now making her home at Topeka, Kansas; Mary E., June 18, 1844, who married Alfred Hale and is also living at Topeka, and Eliza E., November 25, 1845, who first married Elias West and after his death married the

Rev. Parker Moon, a noted preacher of the Friends church, and is now living at Carthage, Missouri. The mother of these children died in the latter forties and Joseph Mundel, the father, survived her several years, his death occurring in 1854, he then being fifty years of age.

Thomas Neeld received his schooling in the schools of Waynesville and at the age of eighteen began farming in his home county, continuing thus engaged until he went to the front as a soldier of the Union in 1861. He was married in January of that year and on May 17 following, enlisted for service during the continuance of the Civil War as a member of Company F, Sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, known as the Gray Regiment. After some preliminary service in West Virginia Mr. Neeld went with his regiment to Nashville and was later present at the battle of Pittsburg Landing and then took part in the siege of Corinth. He then was transferred to the gunboat service and serving in Company F, First Marine Regiment, Mississippi Brigade, on the gunboat "Baltic," took part in the siege of Vicksburg and in some other important engagements along the river, including the battles of Greenville, Milligan's Bend, Fort Gibson, General Banks' expedition up the Red River, and numerous skirmishes, receiving his final discharge at Vicksburg on January 19, 1865.

Upon the completion of his service Thomas Neeld returned to his home at Waynesville and presently moved from there to a farm in the vicinity of Hillsboro, in Highland county, this state, where he remained for about fifteen years, at the end of which time he came with his family to Champaign county and settled on a farm in Salem township, where he lived, actively engaged in farming, from 1882 to 1906, in which latter year he retired from the farm and moved to Urbana, where he since has made his home. Mr. Neeld is a Republican and has for years taken an active part in local civic affairs. During his residence in Salem township he served for six years as trustee of that township and in other ways contributed of his time and energies to the public service. For four years he served as a member of the county infirmary board and during his many years of residence here has gained a wide acquaintance throughout the county.

Thomas Neeld has been twice married. It was in January, 1862, that he was united in marriage to Martha Ann Knotts, who was born in Highland county, this state, daughter of James and Elizabeth Knotts, and who died at her home in Salem township, this county, in 1901. To that union eight children were born, namely: Walter, of Columbus, this state; Mary, who married Perry Swisher and is now deceased; Charles, a carpenter and farmer, of Salem township, who married Maggie Derr and following her

death married Elida Wademan and by the latter union has one child, a daughter, Martha M.; Mertie, who married John Pool and died, leaving two children, Miller and Roscoe; Lewis, a coal dealer, of Springfield, this state, who married Catherine Gibson and has two children, Thomas and Martha C.; William, who is engaged in railroad construction work and who married Louise Jones and has two children, Mabel and Joseph; Gertrude, who died at the age of five years, and Arthur, who married Martha Vingard and died at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving his widow and four children, George Perry, Louis and Edna.

In 1905, Mr. Neeld married, secondly, Ella Pangle, who was born in this county, a daughter of James and Susanna (Shepard) Pangle, who came to this county from the neighboring county of Clark, where they originally had settled upon coming from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and were substantial farming people in Wayne township, this county. James Pangle and wife were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Neeld was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Effie May, now deceased, was born on August 31, 1864; William H., November 10, 1868, also deceased; Bert E., March 29, 1871, who married Ella Racer and makes his home in Urbana; Emma, January 23, 1875, deceased, and Margaret R., July 29, 1878, also deceased. Mr. Neeld is an active member of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, and takes an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization, in which he has, at one time and another, held nearly all the offices and is now serving as junior vice-commander of the post.

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### CHARLES FREYHOF.

Charles Freyhof, well-known florist and market-gardener at Urbana, is a native of Kentucky, but has been a resident of this state since the days of his childhood. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Bardstown, in Bullitt county, Kentucky, not far south of Louisville, September 26, 1850, son of John and Eva Freyhof, both natives of the Rhine country in Germany, who came to America in the days of their youth, were married in Kentucky and there established their home in 1848. John Freyhof became a farmer in the Bardstown neighborhood and was making good headway toward getting a good start when Morgan's raiders made a swoop down on his farm during the Civil War and took his horses, leaving in the place of the same some old "plugs" that were valueless for farming purposes. This incident



of war so disgusted him with the location in which he had settled that he decided to "pull up stakes" and get into a city. With the "plugs" left by the Morgan raiders he drove with his family and his household goods to Cincinnati, settling there at Glendale, a suburb of the city, where he began working as a gardener for General Thompson, where he remained until 1871, when he came up into this part of the state and located at Urbana, where he bought a twenty-acre tract of ground on the edge of the city and began market-gardening, which vocation he followed there the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1890. His wife had preceded him to the grave six years, her death having occurred in January, 1884. They were the parents of nine children, of whom seven are still living, but of whom the subject of this sketch is the only one now living in this county, the others being George W., William, Louis, Kate, Louise and Mrs. Lizzie Monroe of Coldwater, Michigan.

Charles Freyhold was but a child when his parents practically were driven out of Kentucky by the Morgan raiders and his early youth was spent in Glendale, where he received his elementary schooling. He was twelve years of age when they moved to Urbana and he completed his schooling in the high school in that city, later taking up gardening with his father and was thus associated with the latter until 1884, when he rented the home place and started to operate it on his own account. The same year he married and moved to a farm near Urbana, where he was engaged in farming for six years, at the end of which time he moved to Cincinnati. After a year spent in that city Mr. Freyhof returned to Urbana, bought the market garden where he is now engaged in business and has ever since been thus engaged at Urbana, for years having been regarded as one of the leading florists and gardeners in Champaign county. Upon starting in business there Mr. Freyhof had but a few hot-beds and started in a modest way, but he now has more than three thousand square feet under glass and has built up an excellent business. Mr. Freyhof is a Republican and takes a proper interest in political affairs, but has not been an office seeker.

It was on September 25, 1884, that Charles Freyhof<sup>o</sup> was united in marriage to Cynthia Roof and to this union three children have been born, Grace, wife of Joseph Leonard, Oscar and Theodore, who married Alva McLaughlin. The Freyhofs are members of the Lutheran church and take an active part in the various beneficences of the same, Mr. Freyhof having served for two years as an elder in the church, for nine years as a deacon and for four years as secretary of the official board. He is a member of Mosgrove Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Urbana, of which



lodge he is the present noble grand; is past chancellor commander of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and for sixteen years has been secretary-treasurer of the local "tent" of the Knights of the Maccabees. He also is treasurer of the local encampment of the Odd Fellows and is a member of the relief committee of the local lodge of that order.

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### PETER ARMBUSTER.

Peter Armbuster, well-known manufacturer of "stogie" cigars at Urbana, is a native of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, with the exception of a few years spent in the West. He was born in the village of Temperanceville, Belmont county, November 2, 1865, son of Peter and Magdalena (Haren) Armbuster, the former of European birth and the latter born in Ohio.

The elder Peter Armbuster was born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, where he grew to manhood and where he was trained as a carpenter and builder. As a young man he came to this country and for two years was located at Wheeling, West Virginia, where he followed his trade. He then came across the river into this state and located at Temperanceville, in Belmont county, where he married Magdalena Haren, who was born in Monroe county, this state, and until 1875 was engaged in the carpenter business at that place. He then bought a hotel at Temperanceville and continued there in the hotel business for more than forty years. He also became an extensive landowner in that vicinity and was accounted a well-to-do citizen at the time of his death. He and his wife were the parents of nine children and his widow and six of these children are now living at Urbana.

The junior Peter Armbuster was reared at Temperanceville, where he received his schooling, and early became employed on one of his father's farms, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he went West, where he remained for three years, at the end of which time he returned home and in February, 1890, became engaged in the manufacture of "stogie" cigars at Temperanceville, in a partnership, under the firm name of Dorster & Armbuster. In June, 1892, Mr. Armbuster's brother, John Armbuster, bought Dorster's interest the business and in September of that same year the brothers moved to Urbana and set up their establishment in that city, the date of their arrival there being the 18th of that month. The business was a success from the start and in 1899 the demand of the

growing trade required the erection of a new factory, a building thirty-two by sixty feet, two stories and a basement. In 1908 the capacity of the plant was increased by the erection of an additional story, which, with the basement now gives four working floors for the busy establishment. In February, 1916, Peter Armbuster bought the interest in the concern held by his brother, John, and is now the sole owner of the business, one of the leading "stogie" factories in the country. When Mr. Armbuster started in business the capacity of the plant was about fifteen hundred "stogies" a day. Now the plant is turning out more than three hundred thousand a month and from thirty to forty persons are employed in the industry. Mr. Armbuster's leading brands are the "1890," the "A. B. S.," the "A. B. C." and the "New Armbuster."

On April 23, 1896, about four years after moving to Urbana, Peter Armbuster was united in marriage to Elizabeth Thuenker, daughter of Richard and Mary (Bresnahan) Thuenker, and to this union two children have been born, Beatrice and Peter Donald.

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### JOHN L. BARGER.

John L. Barger, a well-known and progressive farmer of Harrison township, living on rural route No. 1, out of West Liberty, Ohio, was born in the western part of Virginia, in Botetourt county, on August 13, 1861, the son of William L. and Sarah E. (Wilhelm) Barger, both of whom were natives of the same state, she of Rockingham county. William L. Barger lived all his life in Virginia, his death occurring in 1902, while his widow still survives him, making her home in her native state. William L. Barger and wife were the parents of thirteen children, eight of whom are still living: John L., the immediate subject of this brief review; William C., a resident of Charleston, West Virginia; Mrs. Anna McPherson, living in Craig county, Virginia; Fred, living in West Virginia; Ira, a resident of Charleston, West Virginia; Frank, also a resident of Charleston; Mrs. Emma Ruedelbarger, living in Virginia, and Martin, also living in Virginia.

John L. Barger lived at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years, receiving his education in the limited district schools of his home neighborhood. In young manhood he left his native state and came to Champaign county, Ohio, and for some time was employed by the month as a farm hand. After his marriage he engaged in farming for him-



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self and has since been continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a general farmer and stock raiser and has met with a very commendable degree of success in his chosen calling.

On January 11, 1887, John L. Barger was united in marriage to Anna M. Hewling, who was born in this township, the daughter of Abel and Euphemia (Ross) Hewling, well known and respected farmers of the township, the latter of whom is still living at her home in the township, while the former is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hewling were natives of Champaign county, Ohio, he being born on May 31, 1813. His father, Joseph Hewling, was among the first settlers in Harrison township, coming from New Jersey. He married Margaret Johns and he died aged eighty years; she died aged eighty-six years. Abel Hewling became well-to-do, owning five hundred and four acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Barger are the parents of eight children, as follow: John W., living in Bellefontaine, Ohio; Harry, of Springfield, Ohio; Cecil, a farmer living in Johnson township, this county; Florence, at home; Lewis, of Newport, Rhode Island, is in the United States navy, in which he enlisted in June, 1917, being now in the naval training station; Elizabeth, living at home; Max and Mary, students in the local school. The family are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wesley chapel in Harrison township, in which they take an active and interested part, Mr. Barger serving as trustee of the church. He is a Democrat in politics and takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs, especially those pertaining to the welfare of his home community.

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### JOHN W. KENNEDY.

The late John W. Kennedy, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a former well-known farmer of Concord township, this county, but who for some years prior to his death in 1916 had lived retired at Urbana, where his widow is still making her home, was a native son of Champaign county and lived here all his life. He was born near the village of Mutual, in Union township, March 2, 1843, son of Daniel and Sarah Kennedy, natives of Virginia, who became early settlers in the Mutual neighborhood. Daniel Kennedy was a miller and was for years employed in the Arrowsmith mills, spending his last days in that community. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, namely: Samuel, who died while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War; George, deceased; John W., the subject of this

memorial sketch; Kate, widow of Nathan Elliott, who is now making her home at Spring Hill; Ella, who died unmarried; Daniel, who is living at Bellefontaine; Thomas, deceased, and one who died in infancy.

John W. Kennedy received a limited education in the schools at Mutual and early began working at farm labor and in the saw-mill, and was thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. Though but eighteen years of age when President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers, he responded to that call and went to the front as a private in Company C, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command for three years, participating during that time in some of the severest service of the war. His toes were frozen off as the result of a season of dreadful exposure during the service and at the battle of Chickamauga he received a bullet wound in the forehead, from which he suffered all the rest of his life. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Kennedy returned to his home in this county and resumed the peaceful pursuit of farming. He presently acquired a farm of sixty-one and one-half acres in Concord township and after his marriage in the summer of 1883, established his home there, remaining there until his retirement from the farm in 1904 and removal to Urbana, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on February 19, 1916. Mr. Kennedy was an active member of W. A. Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and ever took an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. He also belonged to the Relief Corps in Concord township, and handled funds for relief of widows and orphans of the Civil War.

It was on June 14, 1883, that John W. Kennedy was united in marriage to Katharine E. Seibert, who was born in a log cabin on West Ward street, in the city of Urbana, July 5, 1842, daughter of George and Ann (Remsburg) Seibert, the former a native of the state of Virginia and the latter of Maryland, who were married in Circleville, Ohio, and later came to Champaign county. Upon coming to this county George Seibert bought a farm in the vicinity of George's Chapel, but later disposed of his interest there and moved to Urbana, where he began clerking in the store of George Moore. Upon the outbreak of the Mexican War he enlisted for service and went to the front with General Scott's army, but before the close of the war was discharged on a physician's certificate of physical disability, he having developed a serious dropsical affection. His last days were spent at Mansfield, this state. His wife died at Urbana. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. Kennedy having had an elder sister, Frances, now deceased, who married John M. Carter, who also is dead, and a younger brother,



George Seibert, a well-known attorney-at-law at Urbana and former clerk of courts for Champaign county. For fifty years Mrs. Kennedy has been a member of the Episcopal church at Urbana and her life has ever been devoted to good works, always doing what she could to make better the conditions of living in the community in which she was born and which she has spent all her useful life.

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### JOHN J. ANDERSON.

John J. Anderson, a well-known retired building contractor, of Urbana, former marshal of that city, former president of the city council and an honored veteran of the Civil War, is a native of Virginia, born in Augusta county, that state, but has been a resident of Urbana since the year 1856. He was born on March 9, 1835, son of John and Frances (Clark) Anderson, both natives of that same county, the former of whom was the son of John Anderson, who was the son of John Anderson, a native of Scotland, who came to this country and settled along the Middle river, near the old stone church, in Augusta county, Virginia, where he established his home and where he spent the remainder of his life. The subject of this sketch is therefore the fourth John Anderson in direct line. His grandfather, John Anderson, son of the Scottish immigrant, married Isabel King, of Virginia, and had two children who grew to maturity, Isabel, who married Thomas Clark and spent her last days near Middletown, and John, third, the father of John J. The third John Anderson grew up on the old Anderson home place in Augusta county and farmed there all his life, one of the best-known citizens of that community, being known, on account of his connection with the militia, as Captain Anderson. From the time he was fifteen years of age until his death he was a deacon in the Presbyterian church and was for years local school director. He married Frances Clark, who was born in that same neighborhood, and to that union ten children were born, namely: Mary, now deceased, who married Greenburg Rhodes, of Augusta county, Virginia, also deceased; James W., an Urbana druggist and a notable worker in the church, who married Caroline Baldwin and died in 1915; George D., who married Rebecca Barger and who for thirty years was a miner and farmer in California, retiring then and returning to his boyhood home in Virginia, where he spent his last days; Jane C., who married Henry Korner and both of whom are dead; Isabel, who married Daniel Korner and who, as well as her husband, died in California; John J., the immediate subject of

this biographical sketch; Francis, who died in infancy; Norvall W., who became connected with his brother, John J., in the building line in Urbana in the latter fifties and who enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War, going to the front with Company A, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Stone's River; Martha E., who died in infancy, and Sarah Margaret, who, in 1864, married George Killian, a farmer of Augusta county, Virginia, now deceased, his widow making her home in Salem, Virginia. Capt. John Anderson, father of these children, died in 1856 and his widow, in company with three of her sons, James W., John J. and Norvall W., and her youngest daughter, Sarah Margaret, came over into Ohio and located at Urbana, but in 1860, she returned to her old home in Virginia and there spent her last days, her death occurring in 1885.

John J. Anderson was about twenty-one years of age when he located in Urbana and there he and his brother, Norvall, engaged in carpentering and were thus associated in business together until the breaking out of the Civil War, when both enlisted for service in the Union army, the younger brother later meeting a soldier's fate at the battle of Stone's River. It was on the President's first call for volunteers that the Anderson brothers enlisted, John J. going to the front as a member of Company K, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and his ill-fated brother as a member of Company A of that same regiment. Upon the completion of the three-months' service, in July, 1861, John J. Anderson re-enlisted and was attached to Company G, Third Ohio Cavalry. His first service under fire was at the battle of Shiloh and he afterward was in many battles and skirmishes, serving in the Army of the Cumberland until the close of the war and was a member of the command which took Jefferson Davis, president of the defeated confederacy, captive. Not long after entering the service, Mr. Anderson was promoted to the rank of first sergeant, later being raised to the rank of orderly sergeant. At the battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, he was severely wounded and was for some time compelled to lie in the field hospital. He received his final discharge at Nashville, Tennessee, in the fall of 1865.

Upon completing his military service John J. Anderson returned to Urbana and resumed his vocation as a building contractor. He was married in the fall of 1868 and continued working at his trade until his election to the office of city marshal in 1872, serving in that important capacity for twelve years. In 1872 he stopped contracting and opened a store, handling coal, cement, and building materials. He conducted this store until he retired from active business in 1907. For six years he also

served as a member of the city council and four years of that time was president of the council. For two years he was a member of the city board of health and in other ways has contributed of his time and energies to the public service. Mr. Anderson is a Republican and has ever given his earnest attention to local political affairs, an ardent champion of good government.

It was on September 17, 1868, that John J. Anderson was united in marriage at Urbana to Harriet E. Kimber, who was born in that city, daughter of Amer and Phoebe Kimber, natives of Pennsylvania, whose last days were spent in Urbana, where Amer Kimber for years was engaged as a stone mason. Mrs. Anderson died on September 23, 1912. She was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is Mr. Anderson, the latter being a member of the board of trustees of the local congregation of that church. He is a past commander of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, and has for years taken an active part in the affairs of that patriotic organization, all the offices in which he has filled at one time and another. Mr. Anderson is the oldest Odd Fellow in Urbana, is past noble grand of the local lodge of that order and has for many years taken an active part in lodge work.

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#### WILLIAM M. KISER.

The late William M. Kiser, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Champaign county, who died in 1908 at his home in Urbana, where for some years he had been living in comfortable retirement, was a native son of this county and lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Mad River township on June 12, 1836, son of George and Sarah (Crabill) Kiser, the former of whom also was born in that same township and the latter in the neighboring county of Clark, prominent among the early settlers of the southern part of this county, who spent their last days there.

George Kiser was a son of Philip Kiser and wife, of German stock, who were among the earliest settlers in Champaign county, having come here in the early days of the settlement of this part of the state and establishing their home in Mad River township, taking a useful part in the development of that region from its primitive state. Philip Kiser was a soldier in the War of 1812 and he became a large landowner in Mad River township and a man of much influence in the pioneer neighborhood in which his last days were spent. George Kiser also became an extensive landowner in his turn

and had a fine piece of farm property in that same township. His first land was a tract he entered from the government and he gradually added to that until he became one of the most substantial farmers in that part of the county. He married Sarah Crabill, a daughter of one of the pioneers of the adjoining county of Clark and established a very comfortable home on his farm. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church, taking an active part in church work, and their children were reared in that faith. They were the parents of nine children, of whom but four grew to maturity and of whom but one, Emery Kiser, formerly a resident of Springfield, died in March, 1917. The others, besides the subject of this memorial sketch, were Wilson, a farmer of Mad River township, who later went to Pueblo, Colorado, where he spent his last days, and George, who died years ago.

William M. Kiser grew up on the old Kiser farm in Mad River township, receiving his schooling in the primitive schools of that community, and in turn became a farmer on his own account in that same township, remaining on the old home place, of which he presently became the owner, until 1897, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Urbana, where he bought a comfortable residence and where he spent the rest of his days. In addition to his general farming Mr. Kiser had long given considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock and had done quite well in his operations, at the time of his retirement being regarded as one of the most substantial farmers of that section of the county. In his political affiliation he was a Democrat and for some time was a member of the school board in his local district and in other ways did his share in contributing to the public service. He was a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Urbana and for years took a warm interest in Masonic affairs. William M. Kiser died at his home in Urbana on October 31, 1908, and his widow is still living there, being very pleasantly situated in a delightful home at 708 South Main street.

Mrs. Kiser was born, Sarah C. Peck, in Perry county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Mary (Powers) Peck, both of whom were born in that same county and who came to Ohio with their family many years ago and settled in Clark county, where Sarah C. Peck grew to womanhood and where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Kiser. Her father, John Peck, was a blacksmith and upon settling in Clark county he established a smithy there and continued in that vocation until his death, both he and his wife spending their last days in that county. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Kiser was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Elizabeth, who married John Regle, of





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Clark county, and later moved to Topeka, Kansas, where she died; Catherine, wife of John Enoch, of Springfield, this state; Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of David Zerkle, and Susan, also deceased, who was the wife of James Rector.

To William M. and Sarah C. (Peck) Kiser five children were born, namely; Pierson, who is now living in the West; Serepta, wife of Charles Dagger, a farmer of Concord township, this county; Mary, who died in 1887; Elmer H., a farmer of Mad River township, this county, and Laura, who is at home with her mother. These children were well educated and are doing well their respective parts in life. Mrs. Kiser is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has ever taken a warm interest in church work and in other community good works, helpful in many ways in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare.

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### T. E. DYE.

T. E. Dye, chairman of the Democratic central committee in Champaign county and for years actively and successfully engaged in the insurance and real-estate business at Urbana, is a native Hoosier, but has been a resident of Urbana for the past quarter of a century and is one of the best-known and most influential citizens of Champaign county. He was born on a farm eight miles from the city of Richmond, in Wayne county, Indiana, December 19, 1866, and was but sixteen years of age when his father died. He later came to this state and became employed in the plant of the Columbus Buggy Company at the state capital, but two years later returned to his boyhood home in Indiana and resumed farming. Several years later he became engaged in the fire-insurance business in that state and was thus engaged there until 1893, the year following his marriage, when he returned to Ohio and located at Urbana, where he since has made his home.

Upon moving to Urbana Mr. Dye bought an interest in the old-established insurance agency of Blake & Cameron, of that city, and later bought the agency, which he since has operated alone, having built up an extensive business in the general insurance and real-estate line throughout this and adjoining counties. Mr. Dye has the local agency of several of the leading insurance companies of the country, including that of the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, and his is regarded as one of the leading agencies of the latter company in the state. Ever since taking up his residence in

Urbana, Mr. Dye has given his close and earnest attention to local political affairs and has for years been recognized as one of the leading Democrats in this part of the state. He is now chairman of the Democratic county committee for Champaign county and in that capacity has rendered yeoman service in behalf of his party. He is also a member of the state executive committee of his party.

In 1892, the year before taking up his residence in Urbana, T. E. Dye was united in marriage to Anna Burke, daughter of Thomas and Mary Burke, of Liberty, and to this union three children have been born, all sons, T. O. Dye, of Rochester, New York, and Paul F. and Roy Dye, who are at home. The Dyes are members of the Catholic church and take a proper part in the general affairs of the parish. Mr. Dye is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has served as noble grand, the highest officer of the same. He takes an active part in the general business affairs of his home town and has for years been regarded as one of the most influential men not only at Urbana, but throughout the county at large. T. O. Dye is at the officers training camp, Madison Barracks, New York. Paul F. is at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, in the officers training camp.

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### JACOB H. WILKINS.

Jacob H. Wilkins, a farmer of Wayne township, Champaign county, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, December 18, 1862. He is a son of George W. and Sarah A. (Pickeral) Wilkins, both natives of Randolph county, Virginia. The father grew up in the Blue Ridge mountains of his native state and there he was married. He followed the trade of shingle-making in the mountains until 1855, when he moved to Belmont county, Ohio, where he turned his attention to farming, renting a place for some time, later buying a farm of his own. He remained in that county until 1876, when he removed to Champaign county, locating in Wayne township on the farm where his son, Jacob H., now resides. He rented the place and spent the rest of his life engaged in general farming there, his death occurring in 1893. His widow is still living, making her home with her daughter, Jennie. Twelve children were born to George W. Wilkins and wife, six of whom are now living, namely: W. F., of Salem township; Jennie; Albert lives in Marion, Ohio; L. H. lives at Mingo, Champaign county; Anna and Jacob H.

Jacob H. Wilkins grew up on the farm in Belmont county and received



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his education in the public schools in that county and in Champaign county. He continued working on the farm with his father until his marriage. He then moved to Columbus, where he operated a dairy for nine years with gratifying results. He then returned to Wayne township, Champaign county, and bought the old Cowgill place, consisting of one hundred and three acres, and here he has since resided. He has added eighteen acres, the place now containing one hundred and twenty-one acres. He has kept the land well cultivated and under a fine state of improvement. He carries on general farming and stock raising, feeding much of his grain\* to live stock, especially hogs, marketing a large number annually.

Mr. Wilkins was married in 1884 to Lydia L. Wilkins, of Hocking county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Sarah Wilkins. Five children have been born to Jacob H. Wilkins and wife, namely: Ethel, who married Floyd Linville, has one child, Roy Harvey; Mary, who married Emerson Ritter; Walter married Maggie Ritter; Agnes is single and lives at home; Clara is deceased.

Politically, Mr. Wilkins is a Republican and served as trustee of Wayne township for six years. He is a member of the Friends church.

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### JOHN P. MUNDEL.

John P. Mundel, an honored veteran of the Civil War and one of the best-known retired farmers living at Urbana, is a native of the old Keystone state, but has lived in this county since 1869, a resident of Mad River township until his retirement from the farm and removal to Urbana, where he is now living, very comfortably situated. He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1842, son of James and Ann (Miller) Mundel, both natives of that same county, where they spent all their lives. James Mundel was a potter and a substantial citizen. He was a Republican in his political affiliations and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Isaac, who was an auger-maker in Pennsylvania and is now deceased; Anna May, who married Daniel Grayson, of Pennsylvania, and is also deceased; David, a ship builder, who served during the Civil War as a member of the Eighth Delaware Regiment and of the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Pennsylvania

Regiment; William, who came to this state, and was a mechanic at Springfield; Francis A., a painter, who died in Indiana; Granville, who came to this state and was a potter at Mansfield, and one son who died in infancy.

Reared in his home county in Pennsylvania, John P. Mundel received his schooling there and early learned the potter's trade under the skillful direction of his father, beginning to work in the pottery when nine years of age, and he was thus engaged until he enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War. The date of his enlistment was September 5, 1861, and he went to the front as a member of Company E. Purnell's Legion, Maryland Volunteers, being sent down the eastern shore of Maryland to Camp Charles, Virginia, where the command was in camp from October, 1861, to February, 1862; thence on to Harper's Ferry and on to Bolivar Heights, where they put up breastworks, mounted cannon and proceeded to shell the city of Charlestown, eight miles away. Later engagements participated in by Mr. Mundel included the battle of Front Royal, Virginia, May 31, 1862; Cedar Creek, June 1; Catlett's Station, August 2. In the last-named engagement the command with which he was serving met with a reverse and retired, forming a square in the woods, later taking refuge in an old freight warehouse at Catlett's Station. There Mr. Mundel was captured by the enemy, but in the confusion presently created by a heavy downpour of rain he made his escape and rejoined his command in camp, resuming the campaign in Virginia with the battle of Gainsville on August 28; Groveton, August 29, and the second battle of Bull Run, August 30. In the latter battle Mr. Mundel was shot through the right foot and was temporarily out of the fighting. The only other wound he received during the war was a bullet hole in his left side, received at the battle of Cold Harbor in June, 1864, a wound which kept him confined in the hospital at Alexandria and later in the hospital at Arlington for some time. Barring the time thus lost recuperating from his wounds, Mr. Mundel participated in all the active service in which his regiment took part, including some of the bloodiest engagements of the war, and received his final discharge on October 24, 1864.

Upon the completion of his military service John P. Mundel returned to his home in Chester county, Pennsylvania, was married there the next fall and remained there until 1869, in which year he came over into Ohio and settled in this county, taking up farming and gardening in Mad River township, and was thus engaged there until his retirement and removal to Urbana. Upon moving to Urbana Mr. Mundel bought a house at 612 Storms avenue and after a residence of nineteen years there bought his present house at 425 South Walnut street, where he since has made his home and where he and



his wife are very comfortably situated. Mr. Mundel is a staunch Republican and for the past twenty years has been serving as assessor. Since leaving the farm he has been quite extensively engaged in the sale of nursery stock.

It was on November 23, 1865, that John P. Mundel was united in marriage to Anna E. Goss, of Boston, Massachusetts, and to this union two sons have been born, Frederick K., who is connected with a big shoe store at Indianapolis, Indiana, and Francis A., a cigar-maker at Urbana. Mr. and Mrs. Mundel are members of the Presbyterian church and give proper attention to church work. Mr. Mundel is an active member of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same, having held nearly all the offices in that patriotic organization at one time and another. He also is a member of the Union Veterans' Union.

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#### DAVID A. POOL.

David A. Pool, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a well-known retired farmer of this county, who has been living retired in Urbana since 1909, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life, with the exception of a few years during the seventies, when he was farming in the neighboring county of Shelby, and for some time in his youth when he was living in Logan county. He was born on a farm in Concord township on September 30, 1845, son of Thomas A. and Nancy T. (Monroe) Pool, who came to this county from Shelby county and later moved to Logan county, where they spent their last days.

Thomas A. Pool was a member of one of the first families of Shelby county, his parents, George and Vercy (Wilkinson) Pool having been among the early settlers of that county, entering a tract of land there from the government and establishing their home there in pioneer days, spending the remainder of their lives in that county. They were the parents of seven children, all now deceased, and of whom Thomas A. was the second in order of birth, the others having been as follow: Polly, who married Mason Arrow-smith and became a resident of Champaign county; Esther Jane, who married James Mulford, of Logan county, later moving to Jay county, Indiana; William, who lived in Logan county; Samuel, who made his home in Shelby county; Gatch, who lived in Logan county, and Anna, who married Joseph R. Smith and also lived in Logan county.

Thomas A. Pool was reared on the paternal farm in Shelby county,

growing up familiar with pioneer conditions in that neighborhood, and remained there until his marriage, after which he came over into Champaign county and settled on a farm in Concord township, later moving up into Logan county, where he spent the rest of his life, a well-known and influential resident of the community in which he lived. In addition to his farming operations he also was for years engaged as a building contractor and built numerous school houses and dwelling houses. For twelve years he was a member of the board of county commissioners of Logan county and was serving on that board at the time of his death. He was a Republican and was long regarded as one of the leaders of that party in Logan county. For years he was a class leader in the Methodist church and took an active part in church work and in other good works. He was a well-read man and was well informed on general and current matters. Thomas A. Pool died at his home in Logan county on March 20, 1869, he then being fifty-one years of age. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring in March, 1910. She was born in 1821, a daughter of David and Florence (Taylor) Monroe, and was the third and last-born of the children born to that union, the others having been Angus, who went West in the fifties and there died, and Susan, who married J. P. Neer and lived in Concord township, this county. David Monroe was a farmer of Concord township and was twice married, his second wife having been a Fletcher. To that second union three children also were born, Florence, who married a Wilson and lived at Degraff; Felina, who married Henry Huling, of Logan county, and Rebecca, who married James McFarland. To Thomas A. and Nancy T. (Monroe) Pool seven children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Philena, who married Marion Pegg, of Shelby county; George W., a retired farmer, now living at Quincy, this state; Mary, who married Robert Moore, of Logan county, and is now deceased; John, a carpenter and blacksmith, now living at Sawtelle, California; Flora, widow of George Stewart, who is now making her home at Quincy, this state, and Emma, widow of J. W. Allinger, of Sidney.

David A. Pool was reared on a farm and completed his schooling in the schools at Degraff, after which he taught school for a time. On May 10, 1864, he then being but eighteen years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union army and went to the front as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war, the greater part of the service being performed in the line of guard duty at Bermuda Hundred, Virginia, on the James river. Upon the completion of his military service

Mr. Pool returned home and after the death of his father in 1869 he took charge of the home farm. After his marriage in the spring of 1871 he located on a farm in Shelby county, where he remained for five years, at the end of which time he came to this county and located on a farm in Adams township, later moving to a farm in Salem township, where he established his home and where he remained, quite successfully engaged in farming, until 1909, in which year he retired from the farm and moved to Urbana, buying a house at 115 Lincoln avenue, where he and his wife have since made their home and where they are very comfortably and very pleasantly situated.

It was on March 2, 1871, that David A. Pool was united in marriage to Louisa J. Harbour, who was born in Concord township, this county, daughter of Henry and Nancy Harbour, pioneer residents of that community, who spent their last days there, and to this union eight children have been born, namely: John H., night clerk in the Urbana postoffice, who first married Myrtle Neeld and after her death married Charlotte McDarr; Thomas Emmet, a mail carrier at Columbus; Otto, who married Effie Powell and is engaged in farming in Salem township, this county; Clarence, who married Lulu Wood nancy and is farming his father's farm in Salem township; Verdie, who married Fern Anderson and who since the death of her husband has been making her home with her parents; Carl, unmarried, who is farming in Alberta, Canada; Harry, a member of the class of 1918, Northwestern Medical College, Cleveland, and Raymond D., who died in 1902, at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Pool are members of Grace Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community. Mr. Pool is a member of W. A. Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and takes an active interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

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#### SAMUEL F. BLACK.

Samuel F. Black, farmer, who owns land in both Rust and Wayne townships, Champaign county, was born in Wayne township, this county, November 26, 1851. He is a son of Peter and Catherine (Felgar) Black, who were married March 9, 1850. Peter Black was born in Wayne township, Champaign county, and he was a son of Peter Black of Pennsylvania, who married Mary Hughes of that state. He was of German stock. He was the first of the Black family to come to Champaign county, Ohio, and

was an early settler in Wayne township, becoming owner of one thousand acres at Brush Lake, and here he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of the following children; Isaac was the eldest; Sarah married Samuel Mitchell; Hannah married, first, J. Harlan, and later Hartland Gowey; Lydia married John Chapman; Peter, father of Samuel F. Black of this sketch.

Peter Black was reared on the home farm here and attended the early-day schools, taught in a log house. He went to Iowa about 1849, locating in Henry county, where he spent one year, then returned to Champaign county and bought a farm in Wayne township, on which he spent the rest of his life, dying December 26, 1900. His wife died February 11, 1907. He became, like his father before him, one of the leading farmers of his locality, owning about one thousand acres of valuable land at Brush Lake, and carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. His family consisted of nine children, namely: Samuel F., subject of this sketch; Isaac F., born October 3, 1853, married January 2, 1876, Eliza Corbett, and they live near Mechanicsburg, this county; Henry E., born January 14, 1856, married Jennie Swisher, who lives near Cable, Champaign county, he being now deceased; Jasper A., born September 26, 1858, died November 8, 1864; Peter A., born September 25, 1861, married Elsie Freeman and they live in Rush township; Mary L., born August 28, 1863, married William Berry, of Cable; Emma, born April 2, 1866, died December 20, 1891, she had married Joseph Diltz, December 27, 1888; Charles B., born March 10, 1868, is engaged in the real estate business at Ithica, New York; he married a Miss Giten, first, and later Bertha Shitzer; Cora, youngest of the seven children, was born September 18, 1871, and died February 11, 1896.

Samuel F. Black was reared on the home farm, and he attended the district schools in Wayne township. He remained at home until 1876 when he took up farming for himself in Wayne township on rented land, later bought his present excellent farm, in January, 1907, on which he has made many improvements and has since carried on general farming and stock raising successfully. He has a good farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres and a fine home and good outbuildings. On September 8, 1890, he married Laura G. Stokes, of Salem township, this county, and a daughter of William and Margaret (Petty) Stokes, of Salem township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Black also owns fifty acres in another part of Wayne township. He carries on general farming and stock raising successfully. He raises a good grade of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep. Politically, he is a Republican.

## SAMUEL CHANCE, M. D.

The late Dr. Samuel Chance, formerly and for years one of Urbana's best-known druggists and physicians, was a native of this county and here spent all his life. He was born in the village of Westville on September 15, 1833, a son of James and Mary (Kenton) Chance, the latter of whom was the daughter of Thomas Kenton. James Chance was a native of Maryland, who came to this county in the days of his young manhood and later married and established his home on the old Kenton homestead, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was twice married, his second wife having been Deborah Morris, widow of John Morris. By his first marriage he was the father of four children and by his second, two.

Reared on a farm, Samuel Chance received his early schooling in the Westville schools and afterward taught school and sold clocks for a time. He then entered Miami Medical College and was graduated from that institution in 1859. He married in that same year and after a year spent in hospital work entered upon the practice of his profession at Kings Creek, in this county, where he was located for five years, at the end of which time he moved to Urbana, where he opened a drug store and was there engaged in the drug business and in the practice of his profession until his retirement in 1888. After his retirement Doctor Chance continued to make his home in Urbana and there spent his last days, his death occurring in 1892. Doctor Chance was a Democrat and took an active part in local politics. He was a Knight Templar Mason and took a warm interest in Masonic affairs. He was a member of the Baptist church and took a proper interest in church work.

It was on June 1, 1859, that Dr. Samuel Chance was united in marriage to Elizabeth Steinbarger, who was born near Urbana, a daughter of David and Lucy H. (Gaines) Steinbarger, both natives of Virginia, the former of whom was a son of John Steinbarger, a native of Germany and a soldier in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War, who first settled in Virginia and later moved to Indiana Territory and settled near Taylorsville, in the White Water valley, where he spent his last days. After the death of his father David Steinbarger came over into Ohio and settled in this county, engaging in the milling business on Mad River. To Dr. Samuel Chance and wife two children were born, Lucy, who is at home with her widowed mother and who has for years been the assistant secretary of the Home Loan Company of Urbana, and Frank S., station agent for the Erie Railroad Company

at Urbana. Frank S. Chance was born at Urbana on September 15, 1870, and was graduated from the high school there in 1891. After a year spent in a drug store at Dayton he entered the employ of the Erie at Urbana and in 1916 was made agent for the company at that place. He married Stella Whittaker and has two children, Harry and Helen.

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### DARIUS T. RUNKLE.

Darius T. Runkle, agent for the Erie Railroad Company at Mingo, this county, president of the school board of that village and for many years actively identified with the growing interests of that place, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood, in Salem township, September 22, 1850, son of Lewis and Janet (Parks) Runkle, natives of New Jersey, who were married in that state, where they remained. Lewis Runkle was there engaged in the blacksmithing business until about 1840, when they came to Ohio and settled in Champaign county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Upon coming to this county Lewis Runkle bought an eighty-acre farm near Mt. Tabor and there established his home. He was a good farmer and prospered in his operations, becoming one of the substantial and influential farmers of that section of the county, giving all his children, after their marriage, ample assistance in the way of securing homes for themselves. Lewis Runkle died at his home in Salem township on February 23, 1901, and his widow survived him for eleven years, her death occurring in 1912. They were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: John H., of Mingo; Dr. W. S. Runkle, of Washington, Kansas; Don P. Runkle, of Mingo; Ida, wife of Frank Benson, of Le Mars, Iowa, and Ada, wife of Robert Kelly.

Reared on the home farm, Darius T. Runkle received his early schooling in the schools in the neighborhood of his home and upon completing the course there went to Columbus, where he took a course in a business college, upon the completion of which he was engaged as a clerk in the store of J. L. Guthridge at Mingo. Two years later he began working in the local office of the Erie Railroad Company at Mingo and on October 1, 1874, he then being twenty-four years of age, he was made agent for the Erie at that station and has ever since occupied that position, having thus been in the service of the railroad company longer than any other station agent on that division of





DARIUS T. RUNKLE.



the road. Mr. Runkle has ever given his close attention to the duties attending his service with the railroad company and has likewise labored diligently for the upbuilding of the village in which he so long has made his home. He is now president of the local school board and in other ways has contributed of his time and energies to the public service, long having been recognized as one of the leading citizens of Mingo.

In 1874 Darius T. Runkle was united in marriage to Louie J. Johnson, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah J. (Guthridge) Johnson, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Nellie, who married L. C. Petry and has one child, a daughter, Ruth Mary. Mrs. Runkle died on December 28, 1902. Mr. Runkle is a member of the Baptist church and for forty-five years has been clerk of the local congregation of that church. He also is a member of the board of deacons of the church and has ever given his earnest attention to church affairs. He is a Knight Templar Mason and gives his close attention to the affairs of the order.

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#### LEVI S. RAFF.

Levi S. Raff, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a retired carpenter and cabinet-maker living at Urbana, was born in Wayne county, this state, September 29, 1848, son of Henry B. and Jane (Rutter) Raff, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and who had come to this state in the days of their youth, their last days being spent in West Liberty.

Henry B. Raff was left an orphan when seven years of age, one of the four children left by his parents, three sons and one daughter, the other sons having been John and Christopher. He later came to this state with the Rutter family and with them settled in Logan county, Levi and Polly Ann Rutter and their family being among the early settlers of that county. They had seven children, Jay, James, Levi, Josiah, Louis, Mattie and Jane. Henry B. Raff grew to manhood in Logan county, receiving a limited schooling in the primitive schools of that time and place. He married Jane Rutter, youngest daughter of Levi Rutter, and then located in Wayne county. For some time he was engaged as a foreman in railroad work and in 1853 returned to Logan county, where he was living when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service in the Union army and went to the front as a member of Company I, Forty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and

served for three years in the Army of the Cumberland, under General Grant. In the meantime his wife and the family moved to West Liberty and upon the completion of his military service he rejoined them there and engaged in the carpenter trade at that place, there spending the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1906, he then being eighty-six years and ten months of age. He was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at West Liberty and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of nine children of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follows: Jerry, who enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War, a member of Company I, First Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died in camp in Kentucky in 1862; Christian, who died in January, 1866; Mary Jane, unmarried, who is living at West Liberty; William, a lawyer, living at West Liberty; James A., a stonemason, of West Liberty; Rosalie, wife of Edward Mathews, of West Liberty; Osmer L., a cigarmaker, now deceased, and Elmer, who died at the age of three months. After the death of the mother of these children, Henry B. Raff married, secondly, Esther Elder, of West Liberty.

Levi S. Raff received his schooling at West Liberty and when fifteen years of age enlisted at that place for service in the Union army during the continuance of the Civil War, going out with Company C, Twelfth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer cavalry. At Camp Cleveland the Twelfth Ohio was divided, part of the regiment going to Columbus, another part to Camp Denison and a third, to Johnson's Island. It was at this latter station that Mr. Raff found himself stationed at the beginning of his service and he remained there until March, 1864, when the detachment to which he was attached was sent to Camp Denison and was there mounted, equipped and drilled for the cavalry, a few weeks later being ordered to Louisville, Kentucky, as a part of the First Brigade, First Cavalry, and was sent through the South on scouting service, being known as Burbridge's "Night Owls." One June 9, 1864, this detachment was in action against Morgan's raiders at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and on June 11 at Cynthia's, thence back to Lexington, where it remained in camp a few weeks, at the end of which time it was sent on a raid through Kentucky and Virginia, doing general scout duty. On October 2, 1864, these "Night Owls" met with a reverse at Saltville, Virginia, and returned to their base at Lexington, later joining Stoneman's forces at Nashville, Tennessee, a part of the noted force known as Stoneman's Raiders, and from Nashville made a dash through to Chattanooga, Knoxville, Strawberry Plains, Bean Station, thence on another extensive

raid through Virginia, Georgia, the Carolinas, Alabama and Tennessee, being seventy-three days in the saddle with very little rest, operating on Sherman's extreme left wing, and were later ordered back to Tennessee to join General Thomas and thereafter performed scout duty until the close of the war. During this taxing period of service Mr. Raff was laid up for nearly two months with an attack of typhoid fever and his health was badly impaired. He was mustered out at Nashville on November 14, 1865, and returned to Ohio, where he received his final discharge.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Raff returned to West Liberty and there became employed at cabinet-making. After his marriage in 1873 he located at St. Paris, in this county, and five years later moved to Urbana, where he has since made his home. Upon taking up his residence in Urbana Mr. Raff took up his trade as a carpenter and cabinet-maker and continued thus engaged until his retirement from active business.

As noted above, it was in 1873 that Levi S. Raff was united in marriage to Mary C. Long, of St. Paris, this county, daughter of Jesse and Nancy Long, the former of whom was a tailor, and to that union was born one child, a son, Frank B. Raff, a telegraph operator for the Big Four Railroad Company at Urbana. Frank B. Raff married Victoria Brown and has three children, Gladys, Lucille and Richard. He is a Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Urbana. Mrs. Mary C. Raff is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### CHARLES EDMUND GAUMER.

It is not too much to say that the career of a newspaper man is richer in possibilities than practically any other vocation in life. His business is to find out what other people are doing, and having found this out, to present such of it to the public as in his judgment the public should know. Too often the editorial management finds itself in conflict with the business management of the paper. Just what shall be said of the citizens of the community the paper serves, and just how much, are two considerations that the editor must face day by day. Shall he tell all he knows of official shortcomings or shall he keep such facts out of his paper—if a promoter comes to his city with a dubious proposition shall he tell his readers about it—if anything goes awry in the community shall he set forth the facts? In

other words, it is a wise man who can run a paper these days and do full justice to both the editorial and business sides of his paper.

Charles E. Gaumer is a newspaper man who has tried to the best of his ability to manage a paper from both viewpoints, and the results of his efforts show that he has been attended with an unusual degree of success. He has been in the business since his boyhood days; in fact, it might be said that he grew up in a newspaper office, his father before him having been a newspaper man. While still in the Urbana high school he was helping his father edit the *Democrat*, and immediately on his graduation from the high school in 1894, at the age of eighteen, he took over the complete management of the paper. He continued as head of the paper until August 28, 1898, when he bought the Monticello, Illinois, *Bulletin*. He remained there three years and then, June 10, 1901, bought the Middletown, Ohio, *Signal*, which he managed successfully for the following seven years. His next change took him to Champaign, Illinois, where he served on the editorial staff of the *Daily News* from September 15, 1908, to August 1, 1910. On the latter date he returned to his old home at Urbana, and became associated with his brother, Frank C., as managing editor of the *Democrat*.

Mr. Gaumer remained with the *Democrat* in the capacity of managing editor for seven years, leaving the paper in August, 1917, to become assistant managing editor of the Marion, Ohio, *Daily Star*, of which Senator Warren G. Harding is owner and publisher. During his long connection with the local paper in Urbana he had the satisfaction of seeing its circulation increase from year to year, and no small credit for this steady growth was due to his ability as editor. Possessed of a ready pen and a gift for pungent expression his style was of the kind which makes a paper readable. His long acquaintance with the people of Urbana was another factor which enabled him to write clearly of local happenings from day to day, while he naturally added to his store of knowledge of local conditions with each succeeding year. However, he decided that a change of location would be an advantage to him and when the opportunity presented itself to become associated with the Marion *Daily Star* he decided to accept it. He still retains his interest in the Gaumer Publishing Company. His many friends in Urbana regret to see him leave the city, and wish him continued success in his new field.

Mr. Gaumer was born in Marseilles, Ohio, November 28, 1876, a son of Dr. Thomas M. and Eliza M. Gaumer. His father died in 1893 and his mother is still residing in Urbana. A sketch of Doctor Gaumer appears elsewhere in this volume and the reader is referred to it for the genealogy of



the Gaumer family. It might be added, however, in this connection, that Doctor Gaumer was a practicing physician for several years before he engaged in newspaper work. He spent the last several years of his life in the editorial chair. His three sons have followed in his footsteps, each of them now being in active newspaper work.

Charles E. Gaumer was married on September 7, 1898, to Effie Aletta Landis, a daughter of Samuel M. and Jennie M. Landis. Mrs. Gaumer was born in Urbana on August 17, 1879, and is the youngest of four children, the others being James, George and Earl L. Mr. and Mrs. Gaumer have three children: Lois Mahala, born November 30, 1899; Edmund Landis, born January 29, 1901; Robbin Irene, born May 14, 1906. The family are members of the Urbana Lutheran church. Mr. Gaumer is a deacon in the church and was superintendent of the Sunday school for the four years preceding 1914. Fraternally, he is a member of Harmony lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

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### ELIJAH A. PETTIGREW.

Elijah A. Pettigrew, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Champaign county, now living at Urbana, where he has made his home since 1907, is a Virginian by birth, but has been a resident of this county since he was twenty-one years of age. He was born in Nicholas county, in West Virginia, March 9, 1859, son of Andrew Jackson and Sarah J. (Stephenson) Pettigrew, she born in West Virginia and he in Virginia, and whose last days were spent in Nicholas county.

Andrew Jackson Pettigrew, whose father was a native of Dublin, Ireland, who had come to this country in his youth and had established his home in Virginia, grew up in Rockbridge county, that state, near the "natural bridge," and became a carpenter, later moving to Nicholas county, in the western part of the state, where he began working at his trade and where he married, established his home and spent the rest of his life. He died many years before his wife, who survived him until 1914, she being eighty-two years of age at the time of her death. She was a cousin of George Wesley Atkinson, former governor of West Virginia and for years judge of the United States court of claims. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her husband was a member of the Baptist church. They were the parents of eleven sons, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being as follow: David, who is a farmer

living in Ashtabula county, this state; John, a carpenter, who died in Clay county, West Virginia, in 1908; George, who died in his youth; Samuel F., a toolmaker, living at Springfield, this state; James, a merchant, of Summersville, West Virginia; Albert, a merchant, of Jefferson, this state; Harvey B., a rural mail carrier living at Urbana; Charles, a farmer living in Greenbriar county, West Virginia; Walter, a farmer living in Nicholas county, in that same state, and Henry, a farmer, living at Akron, this state.

Elijah A. Pettigrew was reared on a farm in Nicholas county, receiving his schooling in the schools in the neighborhood of his home, and remained there, farming, until he was twenty-one years of age, when, in the spring of 1880, he came to Champaign county and became engaged in farming in Concord township and was there for three years, or until after his marriage in 1883, when he located in Mad River township. Two years later he moved on a farm on Pretty Prairie, in Urbana township, and there established his home and made that his place of residence until his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removal, in 1907, to Urbana, where he has since resided and where he is very comfortably situated. Mr. Pettigrew is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty-nine acres on Pretty Prairie and continues to give his close personal attention to the general management of the same. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, including several race horses that have attained more than local fame. Mr. Pettigrew is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

Mr. Pettigrew has been thrice married. As noted above, he was united in marriage in 1883 to Elizabeth Hough, of Concord township, this county, a daughter of William and Margaret Hough, and to that union one child was born, a son, Floyd H., born on April 15, 1885. Floyd H. Pettigrew, who is now engaged in the plumbing business at Hamilton, Ohio, married Emma Johnson and has two children, Ruth and Helen. After the death of his first wife Mr. Pettigrew married Martha J. France, of this county, daughter of John France, a cabinet-maker, and after her death he married Verna E. Mearns, of Summersville, West Virginia, daughter of A. J. and Lola Mearns, the former of whom was a merchant at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew have a pleasant home at Urbana and take a proper part in the general social activities of their home town. Mrs. Pettigrew is a member of the Presbyterian church there and both she and her husband do their part in helping to promote the general good works of the community.

## JOHN L. MOORE.

The late John L. Moore, an honored veteran of the Civil War and for years a well-known building contractor at Urbana, who died at his home in that city on February 2, 1917, was a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born on January 2, 1842, son of the Rev. William and Margaret (Tatman) Moore, who were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the eldest, the others being as follow: Kate, who married David Chaney and lives at Wausau, Wisconsin; Sarah, who married John Shull and lives at Riley, Kansas; Samuel, who lives at South Bloomingville, Ohio, and Margaret, who married William Hammond, and lives at Portis, Kansas. The Rev. William Moore was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and during the many years of his ministry preached in Pennsylvania, in Ohio and in Kansas.

John L. Moore early learned the trade of carpenter and became a skilled workman in that line, afterward engaging in building contracting on his own account and was quite successfully engaged until his death. He was but nineteen years of age when the Civil War broke out and there being parental objection to his participation in that struggle, he ran away from home and enlisted in Indiana as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Moore located at Chillicothe, this state, where he engaged in carpentering and where he married, later moving to Dayton, where he remained until 1896, in which year he moved to Urbana, where he spent the remainder of his life, successfully engaged as a building contractor. His wife died in Urbana in 1899, three years after moving there. Mr. Moore was an active member of W. A. Brand Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and took a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. On his deathbed he confessed faith in the Catholic church and received the last rites of that church. His wife and children were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

At Chillicothe, this state, John L. Moore was united in marriage to Lydia A. Atkinson, who was born at Albany, West Virginia, July 8, 1854, daughter of James and Margaret Atkinson, and to that union three children were born, Minnie A., William C., who died at the age of nineteen years, and Frank C., who also died at the age of nineteen years.

Minnie A. Moore was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, and was united in

marriage to William K. Burton, who was born at Dayton, Ohio, and who at the age of three years moved to Urbana, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on December 24, 1915. He was a painter and decorator and for years was connected with the work of the Illinois Car Company at Urbana. To William K. and Minnie A. (Moore) Burton two children were born, William and Helen, both of whom are making their home with their mother at Urbana. William Burton is a barber, at which trade he formerly worked at Cleveland and was at one time the owner of two barber shops at Urbana. On June 11, 1909, he married Martha Smith, of Kentucky, and has one child, a daughter, Helen Marie, born on July 27, 1916.

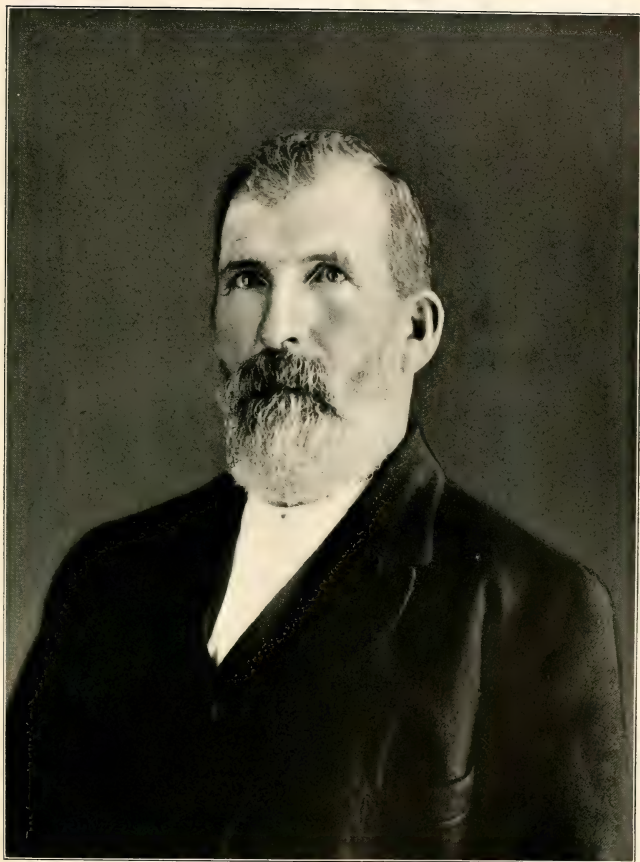
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### WILLIAM H. VERMILLION.

William H. Vermillion, a veteran of the Civil War and a substantial farmer and dairyman of Union township, born on a farm in the southwest part of Union township on March 19, 1844, son of Daniel and Eliza (Zumbro) Vermillion, the former of whom was born in Muskingum county, this state, and the latter in the state of Virginia, whose last days were spent in the village of Mutual, this county.

Daniel Vermillion was but a child when his parents, George Vermillion and wife, natives of Virginia, moved from Muskingum county to Champaign county and he grew to manhood here and was here married. During the days of his young manhood he had been engaged working as a cabinet-maker in Urbana, but after his marriage he located on a farm on Buck creek, in Union township, and was for nine years there engaged in farming. He then moved with his family to the village of Mutual and became engaged as a carpenter, following that vocation until he was past middle age, when he took up wagon-making and was thus engaged at that place the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1872. Daniel Vermillion and wife were the parents of nine children, of whom five are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being John, Samuel, Sarah and Jane.

William H. Vermillion received his schooling in the village of Mutual, the first school he attended being held in a little log school house, and at the age of twelve years he began working on a farm. He continued engaged at farm labor until May 2, 1864, when he enlisted for service in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command served for one hundred days. He then returned



WILLIAM H. VERMILLION





home and re-enlisted as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with this latter command served for eight months, at the end of which time he returned to this county. After his marriage, in the spring of 1866, he established his home on a farm he rented, continuing as a renter until he bought his first land, a tract of thirty-six acres, a part of his present well-improved farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Union township, where he ever since has made his home and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. All of Mr. Vermillion's farm is under cultivation save a small tract of woodland. For years he has devoted a good deal of his attention to dairying and at present is maintaining a herd of thirty-five dairy cows and has an extensive business in that line. His place is on rural mail route No. 1 out of Cable.

Mr. Vermillion has been twice married. On March 31, 1866, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Booth, daughter of John and Marian Booth, and to that union three children were born, Edwin, who married Matilda Gurnis; Effie, wife of Charles Smith, and Gertrude, wife of Earl Heller. The mother of these children died in 1895 and Mr. Vermillion later married Mary Speakman, to which union two children have been born, Gladys and Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Vermillion are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which for years Mr. Vermillion has served as a class leader. He also is a steward of the church and a member of the board of trustees and has long given his earnest attention to church affairs. Mr. Vermillion is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Urbana and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

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### WILLIAM A. JOHNSON.

William A. Johnson, a substantial landowner and stockman of this county, former trustee of Union township and former trustee of Wayne township, now living at Cable, where he is extensively engaged in the live stock business, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Union township on April 22, 1857, son of James and Mary (Woodard) Johnson, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in Wayne township and the latter in Rush township, and whose last days were spent in Union township.

James Johnson was a son of James and Matilda Johnson, Virginians.  
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who came to this state after their marriage and located in Champaign county, settling first in Wayne township and later moving down into Union township, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that part of the county. The junior James Johnson was but a lad when his parents moved to Union township and there he grew to manhood on the home farm. After his marriage to Mary Woodard, who was born in the neighboring township of Rush, daughter of pioneer parents, he established his home on a farm in Union township and there he spent the remainder of his life, one of the best-known and most influential farmers of the neighborhood in which he lived. His death occurred in March, 1901. His wife had preceded him to the grave about a year, her death having occurred in 1900. They were the parents of seven children, of whom but three are now living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Olney and Charles Johnson.

William A. Johnson grew to manhood on the home place in Union township, receiving his schooling in the district school in that neighborhood, and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home farm. He later became a partner of his father in the operation of the farm and after awhile bought the home place of one hundred and two and one-half acres and there continued farming and stock raising until in March, 1909, when he retired from the farm and moved to Cable, where he has since made his home. Upon leaving the farm Mr. Johnson turned his attention to the buying and selling of live stock and has since been engaged in that business, shipping to the Pittsburgh markets. Not long after locating at Cable he bought a fine farm of one hundred and ten acres in Wayne township, to the operation of which he gives considerable personal attention. Some time ago he sold his farm in Union township. Mr. Johnson is a Republican and for years has given close attention to local political affairs. For seven years he served as trustee of Union township and for four years as trustee of Wayne township and is now serving as a member of the local school board at Cable, in that capacity doing much to promote the interests of the schools in that pleasant and flourishing village.

On April 22, 1886, William A. Johnson was united in marriage to Enola Durnell, who was born in Wayne township, this county, daughter of Booker R. and Catherine (Hall) Durnell, both of whom also were born in that township, members of pioneer families, and were there married. Booker R. Durnell was a son of Hiram and Sarah (Middleton) Durnell, Virginians, who came to this county at an early day in the settlement of the same and

became substantial pioneers of Wayne township, where they established their home. During the progress of the Civil War Booker R. Durnell enlisted for service in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Thirteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served valiantly until he met a soldier's fate about a year later, at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864. His wife had died a little more than a year previously, her death having occurred on June 16, 1863, and their children were thus orphaned early. There were three of these children, Mrs. Johnson having two brothers, Hiram and Richard Durnell. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have no children of their own, but they have reared four children with as much care and consideration as though they had been their own indeed. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church work and in other local good works. Mr. Johnson is one of Cable's most substantial citizens and is in the forefront in all movements having to do with the advancement of the general interests of that thriving village.

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### JOHN P. KNIGHT.

The late John P. Knight, for years one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Champaign county, who died at his home in Urbana township in 1905, was a native son of Ohio and lived in this state all his life. He was born in the neighboring county of Miami on February 18, 1839, a son of William D. and Elizabeth (Palmer) Knight, also natives of that same county, members of two of the oldest families in this part of the state. William D. Knight's father was a native of Redstone, Pennsylvania, who came to this state in the days of his young manhood, locating near Cincinnati, where he married and reared his family and died. On a pioneer farm William D. Knight grew to manhood and, with his mother, moved to Miami county and there later married Elizabeth Palmer, daughter of pioneer parents, and established his home on a farm in the neighborhood of her old home near Casstown. He moved to Champaign county in 1853 and settled on a farm two and one-half miles south of Urbana, on the State road. He later retired, moved to Urbana, where he died in December, 1890. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom but two now survive, Sidney Knight, of Urbana, and Stephen Knight, a prominent lawyer at Chicago, who is now serving as county attorney of Cook

county; the others, besides the subject of this memorial sketch, having been Thomas, Wilford, Catherine and Margaret.

Reared on the home farm in Miami county, John P. Knight received his early schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and supplemented the same by a course in the Urbana school, after which for seven or eight years he spent his winters in teaching school, continuing meanwhile to farm during the summers. After his marriage in 1865 he established his home on a farm in Urbana township, this county, and there spent the rest of his life, becoming a successful farmer and a man of wide influence throughout that part of the county. Mr. Knight was an earnest Republican and for years was looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in his part of the county. For years he served as director of schools in his local district and did much to advance the cause of education thereabout. He was an ardent advocate of any proper movement that would tend to increase the efficacy of the schools and took much interest in educational affairs, giving his children every opportunity for acquiring liberal educations. Mr. Knight was an active member of the Baptist church, and ever took an earnest interest in church affairs and other good works. He had many warm friends throughout the county and his death on March 12, 1905, was widely mourned. He enlisted at the beginning of the Civil War for three months service in Company H, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

It was in the year 1865 that John P. Knight was united in marriage to Jennie Rawlings, who was born in Urbana township, this county, a daughter of James and Susanna (McRoberts) Rawlings, prominent residents of that community, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Urbana township, this county, daughter of pioneer parents. James Rawlings was twenty years of age when he came from Kentucky to Champaign county, Ohio, and there he worked for farmers until he married. He then bought a farm on Pretty Prairie, where he spent the remainder of his life. After the death of his wife Susanna he married, secondly, Mrs. Jane Osborn, widow of James Osborn and a daughter of David Todd. By his first marriage James Rawlings was the father of six children, of whom Mrs. Knight, the third in order of birth, is now the only survivor, the others having been as follow: William J. W., a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Mary, who was the wife of Mitchell Todd, a farmer of Urbana township; Thomas, who married Emma Humes and was also a farmer in Urbana township; James, who married Laura Townley

and was also a farmer in Urbana township, and Douglas, who married Alice Townley and was also a farmer in Urbana township.

To John P. and Jennie (Rawlings) Knight four children were born, namely: William J. Knight, a graduate of Oberlin College, now engaged in the seed business at Urbana, who married Florence L. Dempsey and has three children, Paul D., Robert P. and John P.; Edwin Knight, who served in the Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish-American war, and was on the firing line at the battle of Santiago, who died in his youth; Harley E. Knight, who married Fannie Clark and is now farming the old home place in Urbana township, who has five children, Mrs. Stella K. Growden, Harold U., Ruth H., Kenneth Ray and Edwin Sanford, and Earl Rawlings Knight, who received his technical education at Purdue University and is now engaged as superintendent of an extensive electrical concern, a branch of the Allis-Chalmers plant, at Norwood, a suburb of Cincinnati. Mrs. Knight is now making her home with her son, William J. Knight, at Urbana. She retains an active interest in church affairs, having for years been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in other local good works and has ever exerted her gentle influence in behalf of movements having to do with community betterment.

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### SAMUEL M. OVERFIELD.

Samuel M. Overfield, postmaster at Woodstock, former mayor of that village and former member of the village council, has for years been regarded as one of Woodstock's most energetic and influential citizens. He was born in this county on July 1, 1862, and has lived here all his life. The Overfields were among the earliest settlers of Champaign county, having come out here from Virginia in 1826 and the family has been widely represented throughout this part of the state in the succeeding generations since then.

Samuel Overfield, great-grandfather of Postmaster Overfield, was the founder of the family in Ohio. He was born in Virginia, son of a Welshman who had come to this country during the progress of the Revolutionary War and had been required before his departure from his native land to take an oath of allegiance to the crown. He landed on these shores shortly before the battle of Yorktown and was a witness to that engagement. Though strongly sympathetic toward the cause of the colonists, his



oath of fealty to his king prevented his participation on the side toward which his heart went out. He settled in Virginia and there established his home, becoming a well-to-do citizen. His son, Samuel Overfield, became a freighter and for some time was engaged in hauling between Staunton and Rumney, driving a six-horse team. He saved the money thus earned and presently bought a tract of five hundred acres of Virginia land, nine miles from Clarksburg, established his home there and proceeded to clear and develop his land. He had made considerable progress toward the development and stocking of his farm when one day a man drove up and informed him that he would have to vacate the land, that he had no title to the same, the title under which he held possession having been fraudulently bestowed. Investigation revealed the truth of this statement and Samuel Overfield took his horses and his movable belongings and came over into Ohio, driving on out to Champaign county and settling in Rush township, where he established his home and where he spent his last days, an honored pioneer of that community. He and his family suffered numerous hardships, along with their pioneer neighbors, and some of their horses were stolen by the Indians, but they persevered and finally found themselves well established. Samuel Overfield's wife, Mary Butcher, was of English descent. She was born at Germantown, Pennsylvania, and was a child living there at the time of the battle of Germantown during the Revolutionary War and ever retained a distinct recollection of the incident of the soldiers of the Continental army piling cannon balls in the dooryard of her father's home when they left for Virginia. Among the children born to Samuel and Mary (Butcher) Overfield was Joab Overfield, who was born in Harrison county, Virginia, in 1803, and who was about twenty-three years of age when he came to Champaign county with his parents. He became a substantial farmer in Rush township and there spent his last days. He married Beershelba Tucker, also a member of one of the pioneer families in this county, and to that union six children were born, namely: Samuel, Mary, Rebecca, Diana, John and Susan.

Reared on a farm in Rush township, Samuel M. Overfield, great-grandson of the Virginian, Samuel Overfield, who became a pioneer of Champaign county, received his schooling in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home and as a young man was engaged for some time in farming. He then clerked in a store at Woodstock for awhile and then started a livery stable there which he conducted for five years, at the end of which time he established a general store in the village and was thus engaged in mercantile business for nine years. In 1803 he was appointed



postmaster of Woodstock and served in that important public capacity from August 3, 1893, to August 14, 1897, and on December 9, 1909, received his second commission as postmaster of the village and has since been serving in that capacity. Mr. Overfield is an active Democrat and has for years been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in the eastern part of the county. For four years he served as justice of the peace in and for Rush township, was mayor of Woodstock for two years and also served for some time as a member of the village council, to all of which official duties he brought his most thoughtful attention, ever concerned for the welfare of the public. Mr. Overfield also for twelve years held a commission as a notary public and is widely known throughout that part of the county in which his life has been spent.

On June 19, 1901, Samuel M. Overfield was united in marriage to Alta Ruth Ott, of Mechanicsburg, and to this union two children have been born, Marion W. and Donald M. Mr. and Mrs. Overfield are members of the Christian church and give their interested attention to church work and the general social activities of their home town, helpful in promoting all worthy causes. Mr. Overfield is a Mason, a member of the lodge of that ancient order at North Lewisburg, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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### ROBERT J. EASON.

Robert J. Eason, vice-president of the Bank of North Lewisburg and a well-known and substantial retired merchant and grain dealer is a native of the Keystone state, but has been a resident of Ohio and of North Lewisburg since 1873. He was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1854, son of John and Anna (Sly) Eason, both natives of England, born at Castle Cary, in Somersetshire, who were married there and after their marriage came to this country and were for a short time thereafter located at Brooklyn, New York, where John Eason became engaged in the milling business, to which vocation he had been trained in his native land. Some time later he moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he further followed the milling business for several years, at the end of which time he located at Franklin, in that same state, where he followed his trade until presently he bought a mill at Columbus, Pennsylvania, and moved there. Not long afterward he sold that mill and bought another at Titusville, Pennsylvania, which he continued to operate until his death. John Eason came of a family

of millers, his father and his grandfather having been engaged in that vocation, and he became quite successful. Besides his milling operations at Titusville he was the owner of several grain elevators, including one at North Lewisburg, in this county.

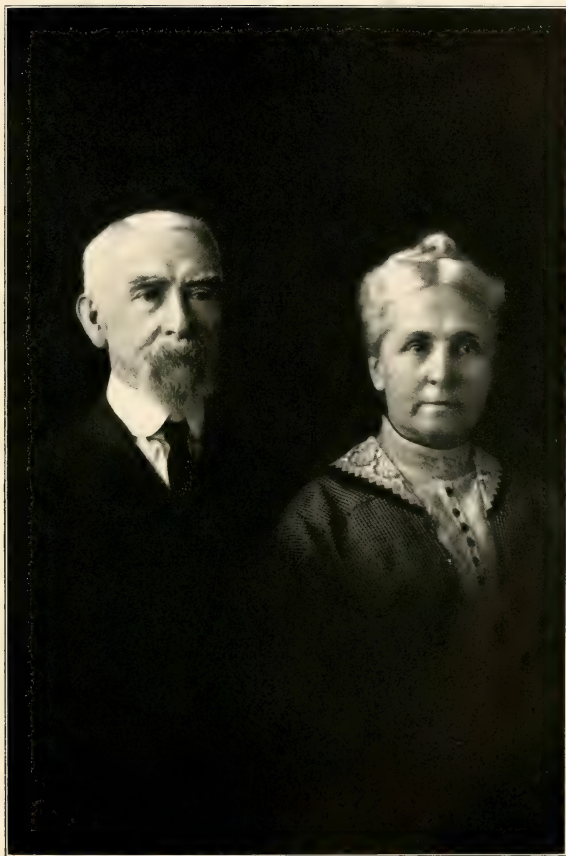
Upon completing the course in the high school at Titusville Robert J. Eason entered the Clinton Liberal Arts Institution at Clinton, New York, and after a course of instruction there entered Hamilton College. Upon completing his studies in the latter institution he returned home and for a time thereafter occupied himself in acquiring a further acquaintance with his father's milling business and in 1873, he then being about eighteen years of age, was sent to North Lewisburg, this county, to take charge of his father's grain elevator at that place, and there he ever since has made his home, for many years one of the most progressive and influential business men in the northeastern part of the county. For twenty-five years Mr. Eason remained engaged in the grain business at North Lewisburg and then he sold his grain elevator and for some time thereafter was engaged in the real-estate and general merchandising, being thus engaged until his final retirement from business. During all these years he gave his earnest attention to the general business affairs of his home town and years ago was elected vice-president of the Bank of Lewisburg, a position which he still occupies, one of the well-known bankers in Champaign county.

Robert J. Eason married Jennie Hollingsworth, daughter of Doctor Hollingsworth and wife, and to this union two children have been born, Carrie, who married Doctor Boulger and has two children, Robert and Janet, and Robert H. Eason, of North Lewisburg. In his political belief Mr. Eason is independent. He is a Knight Templar Mason and has for years taken a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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### SETH S. WINDER.

Seth S. Winder, a retired farmer of North Lewisburg, Champaign county, was born on December 14, 1841, in Zane township, Logan county, Ohio. He is a son of Thomas and Hannah (Wileman) Winder, both natives of Clark county, Ohio, where they grew up and were married. In 1841 they moved to Logan county, Ohio, where they spent the rest of their active lives on a farm. He died at the age of seventy-seven years and she when seventy-three years old. They were life members of the Friends church.



MR. AND MRS. SETH WINDER



Their family consisted of ten children, named as follows: John, Edward, Aaron, Elizabeth and Abner are all deceased; William lives in North Lewisburg, Ohio; Maria W. is the wife of Caleb Lewis and they live in North Lewisburg; Seth S., of this sketch; Deborah is deceased; and Seneca, who lives in Marion, Indiana.

Seth S. Winder grew up on the home farm in Logan county and there he attended the common schools. There he engaged in farming until 1898, in which year he moved to North Lewisburg, Champaign county, where he has since resided. He sold his farm in Logan county and bought his present home and several lots where he now lives. He has a fine cherry orchard and raises small fruits and garden truck.

Mr. Winder was married in the fall of 1869 to Margaret A. Linvill, who was born in Wayne township, this county, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Hanes and Ann Linvill. To Mr. and Mrs. Winder four children have been born, two of whom died in infancy; Lena M. married Frank Christopher and they reside in Washington Court House, Ohio, and have two children, Marion and Margaret; Seneca married Alberta Hadley; they live in Marion, Indiana, and have one child, Lowell. Mr. Winder is an ardent supporter of the temperance cause. He has been a member of the Friends church all his life.

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#### WINFIELD TAYLOR SHRIGLEY.

Winfield Taylor Shrigley, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Wayne township, this county, and former trustee of that township, now living at Cable, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, August 31, 1847, son of James and Eliza (Shaffer) Shrigley, the former of whom was a native of this state, born in Noble county, and the latter, of Virginia, born in Loudoun county. They were married in Noble county and later moved to Coshocton county, where for years James Shrigley was engaged in the mines and where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1892, he then being seventy-two years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave a year, her death having occurred in 1891, she then being seventy-three years of age. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: John F., a farmer and carpenter, of Roscoe, this state; Albert, a farmer, also of Roscoe; Emily J., deceased, and Mary, widow of John Pickerel, of Cable.

James Shrigley was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the hundred-day service, and was stationed at Point of Rocks on the James river.

Reared in Coshocton county. Winfield T. Shrigley received his schooling there and early began working in the mines. In the spring of 1864, he then being but sixteen years of age, he enlisted for service during the continuance of the Civil War, as a member of Company F, Eightieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but on account of his youth and undersize he was rejected and his ambition to become a soldier thus was thwarted. He married in 1871 and continued to make his home in Coshocton county, where he became engaged in farming, until the early eighties when he came to this county and bought a farm of fifty-six acres in Wayne township, one and a half miles west of Cable, and there he made his home until the fall of 1916, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Cable, where he is now living and where he and his family are very pleasantly situated. Mr. Shrigley is a Republican and ever since coming to this county has given local politics his earnest attention. For six years he served the public in the capacity of trustee of Wayne township and in other ways he has given ungrudgingly of his services in behalf of the public.

Mr. Shrigley has been twice married. It was in 1871 that he was united in marriage to Martha Pickerel, of Virginia, a daughter of William and Sarah Pickerel, and to that union two children were born, Mary Belle, who died when seventeen years of age, and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Martha Shrigley died in 1876 and on October 19, 1880, Mr. Shrigley married, secondly, Mrs. Rebecca J. (Loder) Williams, widow of William Williams, of Coshocton county. William Williams was a farmer and saw-mill man. He died in 1877, at the age of twenty-nine years, leaving three children, namely: Minnie Fay, who married Forrest Gatton, of Toledo, Ohio, and has two children, Mildred and Pearl; Alpha E., who married William Morgan, living near King's Creek, this county, and has one child, a son, Wendell, and Bertha, who married Wilbur Young, of Cable, and has one son, Linville.

To Winfield T. and Rebecca J. (Loder) Shrigley two children have been born, Winfield, now engaged in the insurance business at Springfield, this state, who married Floy Taylor and has two children, daughters both, Phyllis and Virginia, and Letha May, who married S. B. Skidmore, a farmer, living near Cable, and has one child, a son, Robert Maxwell. Mrs. Shrigley is a member of the King's Creek Baptist church and both she and her hus-



band give their earnest attention to the general good works of the community in which they live. Mr. Shrigley is a member of the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and has for years taken a warm interest in the affairs of that order.

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### WILLIAM A. NUTT.

The late William A. Nutt, for years one of the best-known grain dealers in this part of the state, an honored veteran of the Civil War, who died at his home in Urbana in 1911, was a native son of the old Buckeye state and lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Sidney, in the neighboring county of Shelby, March 28, 1843, a son of Irwin and Barbara (Persinger) Nutt, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Virginia, who spent their last days on their well-established farm near Sidney.

Irwin Nutt was born on January 31, 1811, at Centerville, in Montgomery county, this state, and there grew to manhood. On February 25, 1834, he married Barbara Persinger, who was born on September 27, 1812, in Botetourt county, Virginia, and who was but three years of age when her parents came to this state and settled on a farm in the neighborhood of Xenia, where she grew to womanhood and where she was married. After his marriage Irwin Nutt established his home on a farm in Shelby county, not far from Sidney, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential residents of that community. Irwin Nutt was a good farmer and developed a fine piece of property there. He also for years was actively engaged in the grain business and he and his sons established a grain elevator at Pemberton and later at Quincy, Ohio, doing a fine business in that line. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an earnest part in church work, as well as in the work of developing the schools in their home neighborhood, and were in other ways influential factors in promoting proper social conditions thereabouts. They were the parents of seven children, of whom but one, John Nutt, of Los Angeles, California, is now living.

William A. Nutt grew up on the home farm in the vicinity of Sidney and received his schooling in the Sidney schools. Upon President Lincoln's second call for volunteers to help suppress the rebellion of the Southern states in 1861 he went to the front as a member of Company F, Twentieth

Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Second Brigade, Third Division, which company was commanded by his brother, Captain Nutt, and with that command served until the close of the war, being mustered out with the rank of sergeant-major. For eleven months of this period of service Mr. Nutt was attached to the hospital staff. He had the honor of marching with Sherman to the sea and during his long service participated in some of the most stirring engagements of the war.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Nutt returned home and for some time thereafter was engaged in the road-contracting business. While thus engaged he was married and later engaged in business at Quincy, in partnership with one of his brothers, the firm operating elevators, as noted above, and he was thus engaged at that place until November 1, 1898, when he moved to Urbana and was there engaged in the grain business until his death on November 30, 1911; having then been continuously engaged in that line for a period of forty-three years, during which time he became known as one of the leading grain men in this part of the state. Mr. Nutt was an ardent Republican and ever took an active part in local political affairs, but was not a seeker after public office.

It was on December 10, 1872, that William A. Nutt was united in marriage to Eleanor (Campbell) Lilley, who was born at Columbus, this state, April 22, 1852, daughter of Capt. Mitchell and Amanda (Brooks) Lilley, the former of whom was born in Augusta county, Virginia, July 18, 1819, and the latter, near Paris, Illinois, October 4, 1830. Capt. Mitchell Lilley, who, as noted above, was a Virginian, was reared at Columbus, this state, to which city he had gone to make his home with an uncle when ten years of age, his parents having died in Virginia. When the Mexican War broke out he enlisted for service and was promoted to the rank of captain in service. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War he went to the front as captain of a company and served in that capacity until his health failed and he was honorably discharged with the brevet rank of colonel. Captain Lilley was a bookbinder by trade and for years had charge of the Ohio state bindery at Columbus, one of the best-known and most influential residents of that city. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, five of whom are still living, three sons, Alexander, William and Thomas M. Lilley, and two daughters, Kate, wife of J. H. Haller, and Anne, wife of W. C. Willard. Mrs. Nutt survived her husband for about three years, her death occurring at her home in Urbana on March 14, 1914. She was an earnest member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, as was her husband, and both were active in local good works. Mr. Nutt was an active member of

W. A. Brand Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and ever took a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. He also was a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

To William A. and Eleanor (Campbell) Nutt six children were born, two sons and four daughters. The sons, Wilbur and Thomas, both died in childhood and the daughters, the Msses Lilley, Besse, Harriet and Hazel Nutt, are still living at the old family home in Urbana, where they are very pleasantly and very comfortably situated. The Misses Nutt are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and have ever given their earnest attention to church work and other local good works, as well as to the general social activities of their home town, and are helpful in many ways in helping to promote such movements as are designed to advance the common welfare of the people of the city and of the county at large.

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#### JAMES MAGRUDER POYSELL.

James Magruder PoySELL, one of the best-known of the older citizens of Urbana, a retired marble cutter and an honored veteran of the Civil War, who has been a resident of Urbana for the past half century or more, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at West Liberty in the neighboring county of Logan, September 28, 1841, son of John and Sarah (Stafford) PoySELL, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, of German stock, and the latter in England, whose last days were spent in this state.

John PoySELL was trained in Pennsylvania as a mill man and followed that vocation all his life. He was married in Pennsylvania and later came over into Ohio, driving through to Springfield and later moving up to West Liberty, where he worked about a feed-mill and a saw-mill, and there spent the remainder of his life, one of the best-known residents of that place. For fifty years he was a class leader in the Methodist church and was ever active in local good works. After his death his widow made her home in Urbana, where she spent her last days. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Samuel, who served three years as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company E, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and met his death by drowning in the Mississippi river;

Frank, now deceased, who was a printer at West Liberty and at Springfield; John M., now deceased, who was a miller at West Liberty; William W., who went to the front during the Civil War as a member of Company E, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years, during a portion of which time he was held a prisoner at Andersonville prison, and was later drowned in the Mississippi river, meeting death at the same time as did his brother, Samuel, mentioned above, both brave soldiers of the Union, and Sarah, who married William Taylor and is now deceased.

James M. Poysell was reared at West Liberty, receiving his schooling in the schools of that town, and there learned the trade of a marble cutter and was working at the same when the Civil War broke out. On August 7, 1862, then being under twenty-one years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a private in Company I, Ninety-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the same regiment in which his elder brothers were serving. He enlisted for the three-year service and joined the regiment at Cincinnati, under Capt. William Beatty and Col. J. W. Varner, the command being assigned to the Second Brigade, First Division, Thirteenth Army Corps, Army of the Gulf. Thus engaged Mr. Poysell participated in the battles of Arkansas Post, Bayou Mississippi, Ft. Hinneman, Port Gibson, Champion Hill, Big Black River; was present for fifty-two days during the siege of Vicksburg, then took part in the battles of Carrion Crow Bayou and Grand Coteau and on November 3, 1863, was taken prisoner by the enemy and was held a prisoner on the Red river for about five months before being exchanged. After rejoining his regiment he participated in the Red river expedition, the regiment later moving to Mobile Bay, he thus participating in the battles of Ft. Morgan and Ft. Gaines, in the siege of Mobile, and in the battles at Ft. Blakely, Spanish Fort and at Whistler, Alabama, the latter battle being fought on April 13, 1865, four days after the surrender of General Lee at Appomatox Court House. Upon the conclusion of the war the Ninety-sixth Ohio was returned North and on July 29, 1865, at Camp Chase, this state, Mr. Poysell was mustered out with the command with which he had served for one week less than three years.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Poysell returned to his home at West Liberty and there resumed the pursuits of peace, taking up his old trade as a marble cutter, and there remained for about eighteen months, at the end of which time, in 1867, he moved to Urbana, recognizing the better opportunities for the exercise of his skill in that city. A few months later he married and established his permanent home in that city,

continuing his operations as a marble cutter until his retirement from active labor many years later, since which time he has been living quietly retired.

It was on January 7, 1868, a few months after he located at Urbana, that James M. Poysell was united in marriage to Mary Eliza Marsh, who was born in that city on September 1, 1848, daughter of Leonard and Anna E. (Richardson) Marsh, the former of whom was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and the latter in the city of Urbana, a member of one of the old families of Champaign county. Leonard Marsh was but a boy when his parents moved from Baltimore to Urbana and in the latter city he grew to manhood, there learning the trade of a tailor, which vocation he followed the rest of his life, both he and his wife spending their last days in Urbana. To James M. and Mary Eliza (Marsh) Poysell three children were born, namely: Leonard Ross Poysell, an electrician, who was accidentally killed at Stanton, Illinois, August 16, 1909; Louella, who died on April 16, 1905 at the age of nine years, six months and five days, and Laura, who, since the death of her mother on June 11, 1916, has been housekeeper for her father. Mr. Poysell and his daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have ever given their earnest attention to the affairs of the church and the general good works of the community. Mr. Poysell is an active member of W. A. Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, in the affairs of which patriotic organization he has for years taken a warm interest, and has filled nearly all the offices in that post at one time and another.

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#### THOMAS J. POLING.

Thomas J. Poling, farmer and carpenter, living in Rush township, Champaign county, was born in Union county, Ohio, March 29, 1868. He is a son of George W. and Sarah Jane (Hudson) Poling. The father was born in 1838, in Virginia, and the mother was born in Rush township, Champaign county, of an old family of that township. He was a son of Samuel Poling, a native of Virginia, who moved here in an early day, married here and established the family home in Rush township. Later in life he made his home with his son, George W., and died there. His family consisted of six children, namely: Emanuel, who established his home in West Virginia; Daniel first lived in Rush township, this county, later moving to the state of Nebraska; George W., father of the subject of this sketch; Minnie married Charles Oliphant and they live in Iowa; John, who lived

many years in Rush township, this county, died in the village of North Lewisburg; the youngest child, a daughter, died in infancy.

George W. Poling grew up on the home farm and was educated in the rural schools. He was fourteen years old when his parents moved to Rush township. After living in Union county, Ohio, three years he moved back to Rush township, then moved back to Union county and died there in 1889. He devoted his active life to general farming. His widow survived twenty years, dying in 1909. To these parents three sons were born, namely: Charles died when two years old; O. H., born in 1866, died in 1910, was a carpenter by trade and lived at home; Thomas J. of this sketch.

Thomas J. Poling grew up on the home farm and was educated in the home schools. He continued to live on the home farm until the death of his mother. He learned the carpenter's trade when a young man and has continued working at it, becoming a highly skilled workman and his services have been in good demand. He has also followed farming since his boyhood. He owns a good farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in Rush township.

Mr. Poling was married on November 20, 1910, to Mrs. Bessie M. Beltz, who was born in Union county, Ohio. She was the widow of Howard Beltz, and a daughter of Bert Moore and wife of Logan county, Ohio. Mrs. Poling had no children by her first marriage but adopted a daughter—Nimena, who lives at home and is attending school at Woodstock.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Poling, namely: Clifford, who is at home; and Richard, deceased.

Politically, Mr. Poling is a Republican. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Woodstock, Ohio. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church at North Lewisburg.

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### GEORGE A. SCEVA.

The late George A. Sceva, a soldier of the Union army during the Civil War and for years a substantial farmer of Union township, who died at his home in that township on January 19, 1914, and whose widow is still living there, was born on that farm and lived there all his life. He was born on August 28, 1839, son of Aaron and Mary Sceva, both of whom were born in New Hampshire. Aaron Sceva came to Ohio in the days of his young manhood and worked as a blacksmith in this county. He married in New





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Hampshire and later became engaged in farming in Union township, remaining there until 1848, when he went to Utah on a prospecting trip and there died, leaving his widow with four children, Mary Jane, George A., Angelina and Charles. His wife died in Union township.

George A. Sceva was nine years of age when his father left for the West and from the days of his boyhood, as the elder son, he was a valued aid in the labors of improving and developing the home farm. He received his schooling in what then was known as the Sceva school house, in the neighborhood of his home, and continued at home helping in the work of the farm until his mother's death, when he and his brother Charles assumed the management of the place and continued farming together until the latter's death, after which George A. Sceva bought from his sisters their interest in the place and continued farming the same as sole proprietor. He did well in his operations and as he prospered added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres and was accounted one of the substantial farmers of that section, remaining there until his death, on January 19, 1914. During the Civil War Mr. Sceva served as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Urbana, in the affairs of which patriotic organization he took a warm interest. He was a Republican and for some time served the public very acceptably as trustee of Union township, and was for nineteen years a member of the local school board, during that time doing much to advance the cause of education in his district. For more than thirty years he was a member of the Methodist church at Mutual and for some years served as a member of the board of trustees of the same.

On March 30, 1871, George A. Sceva was united in marriage to Isadore Middleton, who was born in this county, in Wayne township, daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Hess) Middleton and a member of one of the old families of Champaign county, further and fitting mention of which family is made elsewhere in this volume. Her father was also a native of Wayne township and her mother was a native of Virginia. They were married in Wayne township, but later moved to Union township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Sceva was the third in order of birth, the others being Amanda (deceased), William, Jacob (deceased), George and Rachel. To George A. Sceva and wife six children were born, of whom but three are now living, Henry, of Mutual, who married Nora Leavitt and has three children,  
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Paul, Mabel and Martha; William, who married Emma McCoy and has two children, Francis and Elizabeth, at home, and Essie, who is at home with her widowed mother and is employed in a millinery store in Urbana. The Scevas have a pleasant home in Union township and have ever taken an interested part in the general social affairs of the community in which they live. Mrs. Sceva is a member of the Methodist church at Mutual and her daughter, of the Baptist church at Urbana, and both take a proper interest in the various beneficences of these societies.

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### GEORGE W. LINCOLN.

In the memorial annals of the Woodstock neighborhood there are few names held in better memory than that of George W. Lincoln, for years one of the most substantial farmers of Rush township, president of the Woodstock Bank, an extensive breeder of live stock and in other ways actively identified with the interests of that community, and whose widow, Mrs. Marcia M. Lincoln, a member of one of the old families of Champaign county, is still living at her pleasant home in Woodstock.

George W. Lincoln was born on the old Lincoln homestead in Rush township, this county, February 29, 1841, son of Charles and Allura (Johnson) Lincoln, both of whom were born at Windom, Connecticut, the former born on September 7, 1809, and the latter, December 19, 1816, who later became pioneer residents of Champaign county and here spent their last days, influential and useful residents of the Woodstock neighborhood. Charles Lincoln and his wife came to Ohio and located in this county shortly after their marriage, establishing their home on a farm in Rush township, which farm still continues in the possession of the family, widely known as the old Lincoln farm. Charles Lincoln was a good farmer and was also largely interested in the raising of cattle, having been one of the leaders in that latter line in the eastern part of the county in his day. He died at his fine farm home in Rush township on January 31, 1868, and his widow survived him for twelve years, her death occurring on February 9, 1880. They were the parents of two children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Lydia, born on November 9, 1838, now living at Glen Ullem, North Dakota, widow of John Hudson; Harriet C., July 21, 1842, who died on May 24, 1863; Charles P., April 27, 1844, a substantial farmer of Rush township, this

county; Oliver E., July 4, 1846, who became a farmer in the neighboring county of Union and there spent his last days; Ira, June 4, 1848, who married Martha Marsh, of Woodstock, and died on September 12, 1880; William Henry, August 3, 1850, who married Mary S. Martin and is now deceased; Ada A., May 3, 1852, wife of P. N. Pratt, of Woodstock; Alice, July 2, 1856, who died on November 13 of that same year, and Dwight, May 12, 1859, who died on September 8, 1860.

George W. Lincoln was reared on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood school, and remained at home, a valued aid to his father in the work of developing and improving the home place, and there remained until after his marriage in the winter of 1869, when he began farming on his own account in Rush township and gradually developed there a very fine piece of farm property, remaining there, actively engaged in farming and stock raising, until his death on October 5, 1885. In addition to his farming operations Mr. Lincoln took an active and energetic part in the general business affairs of his home community and was the president of the Woodstock Bank, which financial institution he was largely instrumental in organizing and developing. He was an ardent Republican and ever took an active interest in politics, but was not a seeker after public office. He was widely known throughout the eastern part of this county and in the adjoining counties of Union and Logan and at his death there was sincere mourning, for he had done well those things which his hand had found to do.

It was on January 20, 1869, that George W. Lincoln was united in marriage to Marcia M. Kimball, who also was born in Rush township, daughter of Truman M. and Mary (Fullington) Kimball, prominent residents of the Woodstock neighborhood and further and fitting reference to whom is made elsewhere in this work, and to this union two children were born, a daughter and a son, Edna A. and Charles K., both of whom are still living. After the death of her husband Mrs. Lincoln maintained her residence on the old home farm for some time and then moved to Woodstock, where she now resides, she and her widowed daughter living together, very comfortably situated.

Edna A. Lincoln married James H. McMullen, who was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Union on June 18, 1867, son of Charles A. and Martha (Hathaway) McMullen, both also natives of Ohio, the former born in Madison county on January 28, 1840, and the latter born in Union county, who later came to Champaign county and settled on a farm in Rush township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Charles A.

McMullen dying there on September 1, 1901, his widow surviving him for less than one year, her death occurring on August 7, 1902. Charles A. McMullen was a substantial farmer and he and his wife were the parents of six children, those besides James H., mentioned above, the third in order of birth, being as follow: Walter C., born on January 1, 1865, who died on August 17, 1876; Lydia F., April 31, 1866, who died on August 21, following; Mary L., December 31, 1869, who married Arthur Marsh and died on September 13, 1911, leaving one child, a daughter, Martha; Anna H., March 7, 1875, now living at Pueblo, Colorado, and Jane H., May 20, 1876, who died on March 3, 1877. James H. McMullen was reared on the home farm in Rush township and completed his schooling in Antioch College and in the Ohio State University. He married Edna A. Lincoln and established his home on a farm in Rush township, remaining there engaged in general farming and sheep raising, until his retirement in 1909 and removal to Woodstock, where he spent his last days, his death occurring on December 26, 1915, and where his widow still lives. James H. McMullen was a Republican in his political affiliation and, fraternally, was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of which order he took a warm interest.

Charles K. Lincoln, only son of George W. and Marcia M. (Kimball) Lincoln, is now living in Woodstock, a substantial retired farmer. He married Maud Chamberlain and has two children, William C. and George J.

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### CHARLES H. CURL.

Charles H. Curl, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a resident of North Lewisburg since 1872, now living retired in that pleasant village, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in Greene county on July 7, 1844, son of William and Hannah (Borden) Curl, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of New Jersey, who became residents of Greene county in the days of their youth and were there married.

William Curl was a son of James Curl and wife, the latter of whom was a Brown, who early came to Ohio and settled in Greene county, where their last days were spent. They were the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters. James Curl was a cooper and his son, William, learned that trade and followed it until he was thirty-one years of age, when, in 1854, he became a brakeman on the Panhandle railroad between Xenia



and Dayton and while thus employed was killed by a train the next year, 1855. He left a widow, who was Hannah Borden, and four children. Of these children the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Franklin, a painter, now living in Florida; Emma L., wife of Edward Inskeep, of North Lewisburg, and Phoebe Ann, wife of John Holy-cross, of North Lewisburg. The Widow Curl married, secondly, Adam Beltz, of Union county, and to that union two children were born, Janet, wife of William Hoffman, of Urbana, and Joseph, who joined the regular army and whose present whereabouts are unknown to his family.

Charles H. Curl was about eleven years of age when his father was killed on the railroad and at the age of twelve he was taken to rear by a family in Greene county and was a member of that household until he was eighteen years of age, when he began farming on his own account and was thus engaged when, in the fall of 1863 he enlisted at Cleveland for service in the Union army during the continuance of the Civil War, as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war and was discharged at Camp Chase on July 13, 1865; most of his service having been performed with his regiment at Baltimore. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Curl returned to Ohio and located at Zanesville, where he learned the trade of plasterer and where, in 1867, he married, remaining there until 1872, in which year he moved to North Lewisburg, this county, where he since has made his home and where he is now living retired. He built the home in which he is living and he and his family are very comfortably situated there. Mr. Curl is a Republican and has ever given his close attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

It was in 1867, at Zanesville, that Charles H. Curl was united in marriage to Elizabeth McKinney, of that place, who was born in West Virginia, daughter of John and Lucinda (Curl) McKinney, the former of whom was killed by a boat explosion on the Ohio river, near Parkersburg, and the latter of whom spent her last days at Zanesville. John McKinney and wife were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Curl was the next to last-born, the others being as follow: Alexander, who died in 1910; Sarah, who is living at Zanesville; John, who died in 1868, and James, of Zanesville. To Mr. and Mrs. Curl seven children have been born, namely: Belle, deceased; Louisa, wife of Jefferson Goof, of Indianapolis; Dora, widow of James R. Thompson, who is now making her home with her parents; Walter, who died at the age of eighteen months; Edward, of Cleveland,

Ohio; Ralph, who died at the age of seven years, and William, who is engaged in the barber business at North Lewisburg. Mr. Curl is an active member of John Briney Post No. 193, Grand Army of the Republic, at North Lewisburg, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic order. He is the oldest Odd Fellow in North Lewisburg, having become a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on July 2, 1873, at North Lewisburg, and Mrs. Curl is a member of the local lodge No. 320 of the Daughters of Rebekah, both taking a warm interest in local Odd-fellowship.

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### JOAB OVERFIELD.

Joab Overfield, automobile dealer and proprietor of an up-to-date garage at North Lewisburg, assessor of that village, former village clerk and former member of the common council, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here practically all his life. He was born on a farm two miles southwest of North Lewisburg, in Rush township, June 30, 1876, son of Samuel and Clarissa Overfield, well-to-do farming people of that neighborhood and members of pioneer families in this county. Samuel Overfield was a farmer all his life. He was a son of Joab Overfield, a Virginian, who came to this county in pioneer days and settled in Rush township, where he became a substantial farmer and where he spent the remainder of his life, one of the influential members of the community in which he lived. Some years before his death Samuel Overfield retired from the farm and moved to Woodstock, among his children after the death of his wife, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in 1914. His wife had preceded him to the grave twenty years, her death having occurred in 1894. They were the parents of seven children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Louisa, Delmar, Cyrus, John, Gould and Bursha.

Reared on the home farm, Joab Overfield received his early schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and completed the same in the high school at North Lewisburg. Upon leaving school he worked for five years as a handle turner in the factory of his brother at North Lewisburg and at Xenia and then returned to the home farm, which he farmed for a couple of years, at the end of which time he bought a store at Pottersburg and was there engaged in the general mercantile business for two years or more. He then moved to North Lewisburg, where for six years thereafter he was engaged in the lumber business and

where, in 1915, he engaged in the automobile business and has since been very successfully engaged in that line. Mr. Overfield is the local agent for the sale of the Ford automobile and has built up an extensive market hereabout for that car. He has a well-equipped garage, thirty by one hundred and sixty-five feet in dimensions and in addition to handling a general line of automobile accessories has made his place a popular service station. Mr. Overfield is a Democrat and is now serving as assessor of his home town. For two years he served as a member of the village council and for four years as clerk of the village, giving to his public service his most thoughtful attention.

In 1899 Joab Overfield was united in marriage to Martha Coffey, daughter of Joseph Coffey and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Overfield have a pleasant home at North Lewisburg and take an active interest in the general social affairs of the community, helpful in advancing all worthy causes thereabout.

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#### T. C. MADDEN.

T. C. Madden, lumber dealer, at North Lewisburg, this county, and one of the most active and energetic business men of that thriving village, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Clinton county, August 13, 1869, son of Cyrus W. and Jane (McCray) Madden, the former of Quaker stock and the latter of Scottish descent, both members of old families in this part of the state, whose lives were spent in Clinton and Warren counties.

Cyrus W. Madden was born in Clinton county, son of Solomon Madden and wife, the former of whom was a son of George Madden, the stern old Quaker who headed the Madden colony into Clinton county in 1811, coming over from North Carolina, which state they left out of their hatred for the institution of slavery, arriving in Clinton county on the day on which the battle of Tippecanoe was fought. George Madden became one of the most influential pioneers of Clinton county and his son and grandson did well their respective parts in developing the community in which they lived. Cyrus W. Madden, who was a farmer and blacksmith, was an ardent Abolitionist in the days preceding the Civil War and he and his family took a prominent part in the operations of the Underground Railroad, through the agency of which many fugitive slaves were enabled to make their way to liberty across the Canadian border. He and his wife were the

parents of eight children, five of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: W. H. Madden, who is engaged in the lumber business at Waynesville, this state; Clinton Madden, cashier of the Farmers' National Bank at Clarksville, this state; Addie, who is teaching school at Morrow, Ohio, and Ella, wife of Charles Crawford, of Marion, Indiana.

Reared on a farm, T. C. Madden received his elementary schooling in the public schools of Clinton and Warren counties and supplemented the same by a course at the old normal school at Lebanon, after which he taught school for several years and then entered Wilmington College, working his way through that institution by teaching mathematics in the college, and was graduated therefrom in 1902. He then resumed teaching and was thus engaged, in Franklin and Clinton counties, for six years, four years of which time was spent as a teacher in the high school at Sabina. During his teaching career Mr. Madden taught for seventeen years, or until 1908, when he located at North Lewisburg and there started a lumber yard and has ever since been engaged in the lumber business at that place, having built up an extensive business in that line. His lumber yard is well stocked and well equipped, several large buildings giving him ample facilities for the proper handling of his trade, and he has done very well, now devoting his whole time to his growing business. Mr. Madden is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs and to all proper movements having to do with the advancement of the general interests of his home town and of the county at large.

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#### WILLIS H. HODGE.

Willis H. Hodge, one of Champaign county's substantial landowners, the proprietor of the grain elevator at Catawba Station, a fine farm of six hundred and sixty acres in Union township and the fine place on which he lives at the west edge of the city of Mechanicsburg, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on the farm he now owns in Union township on October 23, 1875, son of J. H. and Miranda (Hunter) Hodge, both of whom were born in the neighboring county of Clark, members of pioneer families there, and whose last days were spent at Mechanicsburg, to which place they had moved upon their retirement from the farm.



J. H. HODGE.





J. H. Hodge was born on January 2, 1834, a son of James and Elizabeth Hodge, who had come up into Ohio from Kentucky in pioneer days and had settled in Clark county, where they established their home and spent their last days. On that pioneer farm J. H. Hodge grew to manhood, remaining there until after his marriage in 1861 to Miranda Hunter, who also was born in Clark county, when he came up into Champaign county and bought a farm in Union township and there settled. He was an excellent farmer and a good business man and as he developed his farm added to the same until he became the owner of about six hundred acres. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he for years serving as a trustee of the same and also as an office bearer in other capacities in the church. In 1891 he retired from the farm and moved to Mechanicsburg, where he and his wife spent their last days. Her death occurred on March 11, 1901, and he survived a little more than six years, his death occurring on October 17, 1907. They were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor, the others having died in infancy.

Reared on the home farm in Union township, Willis H. Hodge received his early schooling in the district schools of that neighborhood, supplementing the same by a course in the Mechanicsburg high school and in the business department of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He early became engaged in the grain business at Mechanicsburg, in partnership with C. W. Guy and others, and in 1901 became the sole owner of the elevator at Mechanicsburg, continuing to operate the same until he sold it in 1907. In 1898, the year of his marriage, Mr. Hodge bought the grain elevator at Catawba Station and has ever since continued to own and operate the same, being one of the best-known grainmen in the southeastern part of the county. At the same time he gives close personal attention to the operation of his well-kept farm of six hundred and sixty acres in Union township, though continuing to make his home in Mechanicsburg, where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. Hodge is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after office.

On December 28, 1898, Willis H. Hodge was united in marriage to Irma Van Ness, who was born near the village of Irwin, in the neighboring county of Madison. She is the daughter of Jacob C. and Mary Melinda (Brown) Van Ness and came with her parents over into Champaign county, the family settling in the Five Points neighborhood in Goshen township, where she grew to womanhood and where she was living at the time of her

marriage to Mr. Hodge. To that union a daughter, Mary Frances, was born on March 1, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Hodge are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg and take an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the place, Mr. Hodge being a member of the official board of the church. He also is a member of Homer Lodge No. 474, Knights of Pythias, at Mechanicsburg, and takes a warm interest in lodge affairs.

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### GEORGE HOWLAND GIFFORD.

George Howland Gifford, one of the real old settlers of Champaign county, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a farmer of Rush county, who for more than a half century has resided in the house he now lives in, in the pleasant village of Woodstock, is a native of the Old Bay State, but has been a resident of Ohio and of Champaign county since he was four years of age and is therefore as thoroughly familiar with the development of this county during the past three-quarters of a century and more as one "native and to the manner born." He was born near New Bedford, Massachusetts, September 24, 1832, son of Daniel and Catherine (Wing) Gifford, both members of old Colonial families, who later came to this county and here spent their last days, both living to ripe old age, useful and influential pioneers of the Woodstock settlement.

Daniel Gifford was the eighth in order of birth of the ten children born to his parents, William and Susanna (Brown) Gifford, the former of whom was a son of Recompense Gifford and wife, who had two other children, John and Ruth. The other children born to William Gifford and wife, besides Daniel, were Jedediah, John, George, William, Sarah, Ruth, Artsa, Hicks and Jason. On September 24, 1818, Daniel Gifford married Catherine Wing, who also was born in the neighborhood of New Bedford, Massachusetts, and in 1834 he and his family came to Ohio and settled in Champaign county. Daniel Gifford rented a farm in Rush township, one mile north of Woodstock, and there established his home and proceeded to clear the farm and make it fit for cultivation. He later moved to Madison county and located on a farm seven miles south of London, the county seat, but later came back to this county and located at Woodstock, where he and his wife spent their last days. Daniel Gifford died at the age of seventy-five years and his widow survived him many years, she living to the great age

of ninety-eight years. They were members of the Christian church, in the work of which they ever took an earnest interest, and their children were reared in that faith. There were five of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being Susan, Stephen Wing, Almira and Daniel Hicks.

Susan Gifford, born on July 9, 1819, died at her home in Woodstock, Mrs. Susan Swan, November 18, 1891. She was twice married and by her first husband, Franklin Cushman, was the mother of four children, Julius J., Charles A., Lucy Lucinda and Warren Sibley. Julius J. Cushman, who was born on September 11, 1838, enlisted for service during the Civil War as a member of Company D, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Hoover's Gap, June 18, 1863. Charles A. Cushman, born on September 12, 1840, married, February 18, 1863, Julia Standish and had thirteen children, Frank, Martha, Julius J., Margaret J., Susan B., Charles W., Harriet, Arthur, Jared, Robert K., Sarah, Warren H. and Lucy. Lucy Lucinda Cushman born on September 17, 1842, married, May 15, 1861, Nicholas P. Hewitt and had seven children, Susie, Anna May, Warren Cushman, Lucy, Nellie E., Lena Almira and Georgiana. She died on January 16, 1893, and her husband, who was born on May 5, 1832, survived until December 14, 1901. Warren Sibley Cushman, born on June 17, 1844, married, March 21, 1867, Celia Calender, who was born on May 18, 1848, and who died on March 6, 1881, and to that union four children were born, namely: Ernest Scott, born on August 11, 1868, who married Pattie Owen on October 19, 1893; Mabel C., December 17, 1871, who married Thomas L. Wright on April 16, 1900; Byron G., August 2, 1873, who married Edna Milner on June 27, 1916, and Charlotte, July 23, 1880, who married Lawrence Longfellow on June 30, 1907.

Stephen Wing Gifford died unmarried on June 29, 1843.

Almira Gifford married Franklin Jackson, who was born on June 18, 1828, and who died on June 3, 1858, and to that union was born one child, a son, Josiah Cross, born on April 8, 1854, who died on July 24, 1856. Mrs. Jackson survived her husband and son many years, her death occurring on February 16, 1900.

Daniel Hicks Gifford, born on October 6, 1830, married Mary Case and had five children, namely: Katie, who married William A. Scoville on December 1, 1880, and has five children; Susan, who married Frank Fenner on February 24, 1881, and has two children; Almira, who married Oliver Compton on April 15, 1885, and has three children, Frank and Riley Gifford. Daniel H. Gifford died in 1915.

George Howland Gifford was but four years of age when his parents came to this county from Massachusetts and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Rush township, receiving his schooling in the primitive subscription schools of that neighborhood. He later lived for awhile in Madison county, but returned to this county, and for fifty-four years has been a resident of Woodstock, living all that time in the house which he now occupies. Until his retirement with the advance of years Mr. Gifford remained an active farmer and did very well in his operations. During the progress of the Civil War he enlisted, May 8, 1864, as a private in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until the following September, most of this time on picket and guard duty at Columbus Heights. For years he has been a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and has ever taken a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. Despite the fact that he now is eighty-five years of age Mr. Gifford retains the liveliest interest in current affairs and is a keen observer of events. He retains vivid recollections of the early days in this county and is a veritable mine of information with respect to happenings of the days long ago. Politically, he has held allegiance to the Republican party ever since the organization of that party and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs, but has not been included in the office-seeking class. His wife is a member of the Universalist church and both have ever done their part in promoting agencies designed to advance the common welfare of the community in which they have had their home for so many years.

It was on February 25, 1862, that George H. Gifford was united in marriage to Josephine Myers, who was born in Troy, this state, August 9, 1846, and to this union nine children have been born, namely: Effie M., Daniel Hicks, Catherine Theresa, George Augustus, Walter Cushman, Laura Marsh, Nicholas P. H., Edward Cranston and Rosanna.

Effie M. Gifford, born on December 26, 1862, married Daniel A. Fox on August 9, 1883, and to that union eight children have been born, namely: Emery G., born in June, 1884; Chester H., November 11, 1886; Walter S., February 15, 1889; Ivan E., July 17, 1891; Francis M., January 15, 1894; Kenneth K., September 2, 1896, who died in September, 1897; Daniel D., February 14, 1900, and Harold, July 17, 1902, who died in 1916.

Daniel Hicks Gifford, born on January 10, 1866, is married and lives at Bellefontaine, this state, where he is engaged as a carpenter.

Catherine Theresa Gifford, born on April 20, 1867, died on April 11, 1886.

George Augustus Gifford, born on June 30, 1869, married Eva Spicer, June 9, 1897, and has five children, Catherine, Louise, Wilbur, Josephine and Charles.

Walter Cushman Gifford, born on July 9, 1871, married Catherine Martin on July 23, 1896, and has two children, Phyllis and Philip. He and his family now make their home in Urbana.

Laura Marsh Gifford, born on April 10, 1874, died on September 20, 1875.

Nicholas P. H. Gifford, now living at Columbus, Ohio, was born on August 4, 1876. On September 22, 1900, he married Nora Spellman and has three children, Marion, Paul and Donna.

Edward Cranston Gifford, who is a carpenter and builder at Woodstock, was born on September 15, 1880. On April 22, 1907, he was united in marriage to Gatha Huffman, who died on May 3, 1911, leaving two children, Opal F., born on April 12, 1908, and Dorothy R., September 6, 1910.

Rosanna Gifford, who was born on December 2, 1884, was united in marriage on May 16, 1905, to George F. Thompson and has six children, namely: Francilla, born on February 20, 1906; Robert O., September 30, 1907; DeWitt, October 16, 1910, who died on November 27, 1910; Gifford, born on February 27, 1914, and Grace Annabelle, August, 1916.

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### LEVI YODER.

Levi Yoder, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of the neighboring county of Logan, now living at North Lewisburg, this county, is a native Ohioan and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Logan county on November 3, 1852, son of Levi and Nancy (Detwiler) Yoder, natives of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, who were married in that county and lived there until after four of their children were born. In 1848 Levi Yoder and his family moved to Ohio and located in Logan county where he bought a farm in the white-oak woods and proceeded to clear the same and there establish his home. He died there in April, 1852, leaving a widow and five children. Of these children the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: Martha, who died in 1913; Jonathan, who died on January 13, 1917; Jacob, who lives in Iowa, and Eli, who lives in Indiana. Levi Yoder and wife were members of the Mennonite church and their children were reared in the simple



faith of that church. The Widow Yoder married, secondly, Jacob K. Yoder, also of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and to that union one child was born, a daughter, Lizzie, of West Liberty, this state. Mrs. Yoder died in Logan county in February, 1890, and her husband survived her until 1912.

As will be noted by a comparison of the above dates, the junior Levi Yoder was a posthumous child of his father and his widowed mother named him in honor of her deceased husband. John C. Yoder was his guardian and he was reared as a farmer. He was married at the age of twenty-four, and, in 1877, he began farming on his own account in Salem township, this county, and was thus engaged for five years, at the end of which time he returned to his home county and bought a farm in McCarthy township (Logan county), where he made his home for sixteen years and six months. He then disposed of his interest there and moved to Zane township, same county, where he bought a farm and where he remained for fourteen years, or until in December, 1913, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to North Lewisburg, where he since has made his home and where he and his wife are very comfortably situated. Mr. Yoder still owns his well-improved farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Logan county and continues to give considerable personal attention to the operation of the same.

It was on January 16, 1877, that Levi Yoder was united in marriage to Rebecca J. Hartzler, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, a daughter of Joel and Lydia (Plank) Hartzler, natives of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, who in 1885 came to Ohio and located in Logan county, later moving to Salem township, this county, where Joel Hartzler bought a farm and where he and his wife spent their last days, his death occurring in 1902 and hers in 1910. They were members of the Mennonite church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, of whom Mrs. Yoder was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Isaac, deceased; David, of West Liberty, this state; Samuel, deceased; Benjamin, deceased; John, of West Liberty, and Jonathan, who is farming in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Yoder ten children have been born, namely: Laura, deceased; Nannie, who married R. J. Eberling, of Sandusky county, this state, and has two children, Wilbur and Bertha; Harvey S., who married Mary Warner and died on July 30, 1916, leaving one child, a son, Carlton; Eli, who married Corena Folsenlogan and is now living at Indianapolis, where he is engaged as a bookkeeper; Rudolph, a farmer, of Logan county, who married Norma Harding and has one child, a son, Floyd; Lydia Ann, deceased; Bessie, who married Henry Coates, of Anderson, Indiana, and



has two children, Ivan and Russell; Roy, deceased; Emma, of Anderson, Indiana, and Dora May, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder are members of the Mennonite church and have long given their earnest attention to church work and other local good works.

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### GWYNN H. CLARK.

Gwynn H. Clark, a well-known building contractor at Woodstock and formerly and for twenty-five years a member of the common council of that pleasant village, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Rush township, in the vicinity of Woodstock, October 15, 1860, son of George W. and Polly (Kimball) Clark, the former of whom was born in the state of Massachusetts and the latter in this state.

George W. Clark was but a lad when he came to Ohio with his parents from Massachusetts, the family locating near Brighton, where he remained until some time during the fifties, when he married and came to this county, settling on a farm in the Woodstock neighborhood in Rush township, where he was living when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service in the Union army as a private in Company G, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command for nearly five years, during that time participating in some of the most notable engagements of the war, including the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Gettysburg. During his military service Mr. Clark incurred physical disabilities that rendered him unfit for the continued hard work of the farm and some time after his return home he gave up farming and moved to Woodstock, where he engaged in the hardware business and was thus engaged for about seven years, at the end of which time he became a building contractor and was thus successfully engaged until his retirement in the middle eighties. He continued to make his home in Woodstock, where he had become very comfortably established, and there he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1914. He and his wife were the parents of four children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Carrie (deceased), Celia and Guy.

Gwynn H. Clark was but a child when his parents moved from the farm to Woodstock and he received his schooling in the schools of that village. As a boy he learned the practical details of the carpenter's trade under the careful instruction of his father and has ever since followed that trade, for

the past twenty-five or thirty years having been engaged as a building contractor at Woodstock. During that long period as an active builder Mr. Clark has erected most of the business houses at Woodstock, as well as the larger part of the dwelling houses, and has long been regarded as one of the leading contractors in Champaign county. He is a Republican and has ever given his earnest attention to local civic affairs, for twenty-five years having served as a member of the common council of his home village, during which time he did much to promote the general interests of the town.

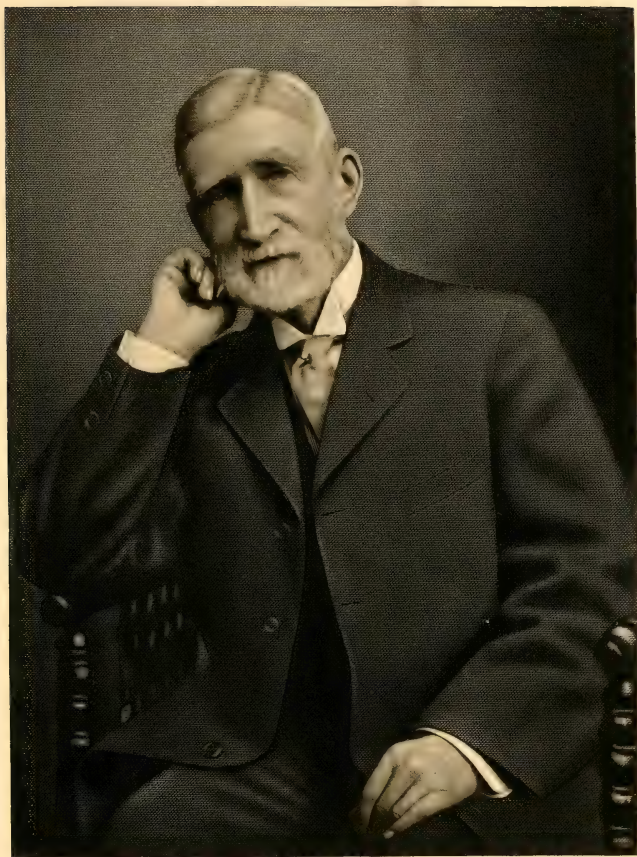
On February 5, 1888, Gwynn H. Clark was united in marriage to Mollie Riley, daughter of Samuel Riley, and to this union four sons have been born, Corwin (deceased), Charles, Herbert and George. Herbert Clark married Ruby Smith and has two children, Winifred and Clairette. The Clarks are members of the Universalist church and take a proper interest in church affairs. Mr. Clark is past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has for years taken a warm interest in Oddfellowship.

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### ROBERT SANDERS.

Robert Sanders, a retired manufacturer of glue and soap at Urbana and one of the best-known citizens of that city, is a native of Scotland, but has been a resident of this country since 1849 and of Urbana since 1853 and is therefore fully entitled to be enrolled among the real "old settlers" of Champaign county. He was born in the town of Linlithgow, capital of the county of that name and one of the most interesting county seats in Scotland, situated seventeen miles west of Edinburgh and twenty-eight miles north and east of Glasgow. Linlithgow is the seat of an ancient royal palace, supposed to have been erected by Edward I of England and the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots. The old palace is preserved as one of the show places of Scotland and Mr. Sanders has been in the room in which the unfortunate Mary was born in 1542.

The date of the birth of Mr. Sanders was January 24, 1826. His parents, Robert and Elizabeth (Forgie) Sanders, also were born in Linlithgow, where they spent all their lives. Robert Sanders was a manufacturer of glue and was a citizen of some substance. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: John, who spent all his life in his native



*Robt Sanders*



Scotland, living to the advanced age of eighty-four years; Margaret, who died in infancy; Mary, who died in Scotland; David, a carpenter, who came to the United States in 1850, coming on out into Ohio and locating at Urbana, where he made his home for years, but is now living in Kansas, and James, also a carpenter, who is now living at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

At the age of twelve years Robert Sanders left his native Linlithgow and went over to the neighboring city of Edinburgh, where he served an apprenticeship of six years in a saddlery establishment, becoming thoroughly proficient in that line and also learned to become a skilled craftsman in the finer lines of wood-working with particular reference to the making of violins. In this latter line of craftsmanship Mr. Sanders retains to this day a hearty interest, the making of violins continuing to be one of the most engaging "hobbies" of the pleasant evening time of his life, a happy means of relieving what otherwise might be a tedious retirement from the more active labors of life to one who has been as busy during a long and useful life as he has been. Upon finishing his apprenticeship at Edinburgh he returned to Linlithgow and there assisted his father in the manufacture of glue until 1849, when—he then being twenty-three years of age—he decided to come to this country, believing that he could pursue his trade to more advantage and better profits over here. Upon landing in this country Mr. Sanders came on out to Ohio and located at Chillicothe, where for two years he was engaged in the glue business. He then went to Columbus, where he spent eighteen months in the same line of business, and then, in 1853, located at Urbana, where he ever since has made his home. Upon locating at Urbana Mr. Sanders formed a partnership with Mosgrove & Moore for the manufacture of glue and soap and three years later took over the business on his own account and until his retirement in 1907 continued engaged in the manufacture of those products, building up quite an extensive establishment and creating a wide market for his products.

Robert Sanders has been twice married. In the fall of 1853, the year in which he settled at Urbana, he was married at Columbus to Maria Andover, who was born in this state and who died at Urbana. He later married Christina McDonald, who was born in the north of Scotland, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Jessie, who died in infancy. Mr. Sanders built a fine brick house on College Way and there he and his wife are still living, very comfortably situated in their declining years. They are earnest members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Sanders for years has been a member of the board of trustees of the same. In 1847 he joined the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Scotland and in 1850 joined again at Chillicothe, later transferring his membership to the lodge at Urbana, and still retains a hearty interest in Odd Fellowship, one of the oldest continuous members of that order in Ohio, his connection with the order covering a period of sixty-seven years.

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### FLOYD FREEMAN.

Floyd Freeman, well-known undertaker and funeral director at North Lewisburg and a former member of the common council of that village, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm near Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, March 28, 1875, son of G. L. and Sarah E. (Moody) Freeman, both of whom were also born in this county and whose last days were spent at North Lewisburg.

G. L. Freeman also was born in Goshen township, son of George and Pleasey (McCarty) Freeman, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to this county during the twenties of the past century and located on a farm in Goshen township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, substantial and useful pioneers of that community. On that pioneer farm G. L. Freeman grew to manhood and after his marriage to Sarah E. Moody, who was born on a farm near Mutual, in Union township, established his home on the home farm, which he later came to own, a very well-improved place of one hundred and fifty acres, and there he made his home until 1890, when he moved to Mechanicsburg, where for a short time he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. He then disposed of his business there and moved to North Lewisburg, where he engaged in the undertaking business and was thus engaged in that business there until the latter nineties, when his son, the subject of this sketch, took over the business and he retired. To G. L. Freeman and wife eight children were born, of whom seven are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Maria, wife of Paul Hollingsworth; Metta, wife of Oliver J. Morgan; Lee, of North Lewisburg; Harry, of Columbus, this state; Carrie, also of Columbus, and Alice, at home.

Floyd Freeman completed his schooling in the high school at North Lewisburg and then began working in the grain elevator at that place and was thus engaged until 1898, when he entered Professor Renouard's College at Columbus and took a thorough course in embalming and the arts



pertaining to the undertaking business, after which he returned home and took over his father's undertaking business, which he ever since has been very successfully conducting. Mr. Freeman's undertaking establishment is admirably equipped, everything being up-to-date and in conformance with the latest advances in that line, his equipment including a fine automobile hearse. Mr. Freeman is a Republican and has served the public in the capacity of councilman from his ward in the village council.

In 1900 Floyd Freeman was united in marriage to Pauline R. Moore, daughter of J. F. Moore and wife, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Leonard. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Freeman is a member of the official board of the same. Fraternally, he is affiliated with both the Masons and the Knights of Pythias and is past master of the local Masonic lodge and past chancellor commander of the local Pythian lodge, in the affairs of both of which popular order he takes a warm and active interest .

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#### THOMAS L. TAYLOR, D. V. S.

Dr. Thomas L. Taylor, veterinary surgeon and one of the best-known residents of North Lewisburg, this county, was born at Norton, in Delaware county, this state, April 18, 1878, son of Dr. Elam and Margaret Taylor, the former a native of this state and the latter of New York state, whose last days were spent in Delaware county.

Dr. Elam Taylor, also a veterinary surgeon, was a veteran of the Civil War, having served for two years as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and four of his sons, half brothers of the subject of this sketch, served as soldiers of the Union during the struggle between the States, one of these sons, Albert Taylor, dying in Andersonville prison. The other soldier sons were Joel B., Adam H. and Henry Taylor. Dr. Elam Taylor was twice married, by his first wife having had five children, one daughter, Mary, besides the sons above named. Upon the death of the mother of these children he married again and by his wife, Margaret, had seven children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the last-born, being James B., Carrie F., Hattie B., Effie, Josephine and Louis.

Upon completing the course in the public schools at Norton, T. L. Taylor worked for a few years as a farm hand in the neighborhood of his

home and then began the study of medicine in the office of his half-brother, Dr. Joel B. Taylor, at Broadway, in Union county, at the same time becoming engaged as a clerk in a drug store at that place, and was thus engaged for nine years, at the end of which time he decided to take up veterinary surgery, the profession to which his father had devoted his life, and with that end in view entered the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, and after a course of two years' study there entered the Grand Rapids Veterinary College, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1904, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery. Thus admirably qualified for the practice of his profession, Doctor Taylor opened an office at North Lewisburg in that same year and has ever since been engaged in practice there, his professional duties taking him through three counties, his field of operations extending into the neighboring counties of Logan and Union, as well as widely throughout Champaign county, where he has an extensive practice.

In 1901, Dr. T. L. Taylor was united in marriage to Arie Harrington, a daughter of Lorenzo Harrington and wife, and to this union two children have been born, Bernard and Ruth. Doctor and Mrs. Taylor have a pleasant home at North Lewisburg and take a proper part in the general social activities of their home town, helpful in promoting all good causes thereabout. The Doctor is a Republican in his political affiliations and fraternally, is affiliated with the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in the affairs of which order he takes a warm interest.

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### BENJAMIN GRUBBS.

Benjamin Grubbs, a substantial retired farmer and honored veteran of the Civil War, now living at North Lewisburg, where he has resided since 1899, is a native of Ohio and has resided in this state all his life, with the exception of a period during the eighties and nineties when he was engaged in farming in Kansas. He was born on a pioneer farm near East Liberty, in the neighboring county of Logan, June 30, 1838, son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Skidmore) Grubbs, both of whom were born at Culpeper Court House, Virginia, and who had come to Ohio with their respective parents in the days of their youth, the families settling in this part of the state, the Grubbses in Logan county and the Skidmores in Union county.

Christopher Grubbs was born at Culpeper on February 19, 1804, and was but a child when his parents, William Grubbs and wife, also Virginians, the former born on August 20, 1778, and the latter, November 21, 1778, came to this state in 1806 and settled at Middleburg, in Logan county, where William Grubbs opened a tavern and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, influential pioneers of that community. William Grubbs and wife were the parents of nine children, the others being as follow: Mary, born in February, 1807; Abraham, December 22, 1809; Atlanta, November 2, 1810; Evelyn, July 10, 1812; Levi; Benjamin, May 1, 1817; William, February 19, 1820, and Rebecca J., May 29, 1822. Christopher Grubbs grew up on a farm and after his marriage to Elizabeth Skidmore established his home on a farm in the immediate vicinity of East Liberty, in Logan county, but later moved to the adjoining county of Union and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, influential and useful residents of the community in which they lived, the latter dying at the age of forty-eight and the former at the age of fifty-eight. Christopher Grubbs for years served as justice of the peace in and for his home township and was familiarly known far and near as "Old Squire Kiffey Grubbs." He was an ardent Abolitionist and was a strong influence throughout this part of the state in behalf of the abolition movement during the days when that movement began to have serious agitation throughout the North. By religious persuasion he was a Universalist. His wife was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follow: William S., a farmer, whose last days were spent in Logan county, this state; Atwell, a farmer, who lived in Union and Logan counties; Lydia Ann, deceased; Atlanta, who died in Kansas; James Madison, who is living at East Liberty, at the age of eighty-one years; Thomas S., a farmer and a veteran of the Civil War, he having served as a member of Company C, Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who died at North Lewisburg; Evelyn, who died in Logan county; Oliver H., a farmer, living at Holton, Kansas, and Christopher, a farmer, of Pottersburg, this state.

Benjamin Grubbs was reared on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the primitive subscription schools of his home neighborhood in Union county and early became engaged in farming on his own account, being thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. On August 25, 1861, at Middleburg, he enlisted for service as a private in Company C, Seventeenth

Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the first three-year regiment, under Col. J. M. Connell, and after thirty days at Camp Dennison went to the front, the regiment spending the following winter at Wild Cat Gap and at Somerset, Kentucky, in the spring of 1862 proceeding to Nashville and then to Pittsburg Landing to help General Grant, and was in every battle of the Middle department, under Generals Rosecrans and Thomas. At first the Seventeenth Ohio was equipped with the old Harper's Ferry muskets and it was some time after it entered the service before it was properly armed. Among the notable engagements participated in by Mr. Grubbs were the battles of Stone's River, Shiloh, Missionary Ridge, Jonesboro, the Atlanta campaign, and he was with Sherman on the march to the sea and thence to Washington, D. C., where he took part in the Grand Review at the close of the war and received his discharge in July, 1865, being mustered out with the rank of sergeant-major. During all that period of service he was absent from the regiment on sick leave but thirty days.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Grubbs returned home and resumed the pursuits of peace on the farm. He married in 1866 and continued farming in Union county until 1882, when he disposed of his interests there and moved to Kansas, buying a farm in Jackson county, that state, and remaining there for seventeen years, or until 1899, when he sold his Kansas farm and returned to Ohio, locating at North Lewisburg, where he ever since has made his home, now living comfortably retired.

Mr. Grubbs has been twice married. As noted above, it was in 1866 that he was united in marriage to Mary Norvall, of Union county, who died in 1880. To that union one child was born, a daughter, Frances A., who died at the age of seven years. On August 27, 1882, Mr. Grubbs married, secondly, Hester Good, who was born at North Lewisburg, this county, May 25, 1843, daughter of Dr. Thomas and Elizabeth (Moore) Good, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. Dr. Thomas Good was for years one of the best-known physicians in the northeastern part of this county and had a wide practice throughout the North Lewisburg neighborhood. He and his wife were the parents of four children, those besides Mrs. Grubbs being Sarah, Clark and Emma. After the death of Doctor Good his widow married Jesse Reems and to that union two children were born, Harris and Lydia. To Benjamin and Hester (Good) Grubbs one child has been born, a son, Clark C. Grubbs, of Dayton, Ohio, a traveling salesman for Bolding & Company, who married Imo Waymire and has three children, Paul, William S. and Mary Hester. Benjamin Grubbs

and wife are earnest members of the Methodist church and have ever given proper attention to local good works, helpful in all movements having to do with the advancement of the best interests of their home town and of the county at large.

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### JOSEPH C. BUCKWALTER.

Joseph C. Buckwalter, head of the Buckwalter Hardware Company at North Lewisburg and one of the most enterprising and progressive young merchants of that thriving village, is a native of the state of West Virginia, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his infancy, and of Champaign county for the past ten years or more. He was born on a farm in Hampshire county, West Virginia, July 23, 1881, son of D. W. and Ellen L. Buckwalter, both natives of that same state, who came to Ohio in 1882 and located in Greene county. D. W. Buckwalter was a farmer and upon moving to Greene county established his home on a farm there and there spent the remainder of his life.

Reared on the home farm in Greene county, Joseph C. Buckwalter received his schooling in the public schools of that county and after completing his studies became engaged in farming and was thus engaged for several years, at the end of which time he left the farm and became a bookkeeper for a mercantile firm at Ottawa, in Putnam county. Shortly afterward he was transferred to a store owned by that same firm in Xenia and after a sometime further service as a bookkeeper there he went to Dayton, where he was similarly engaged for four years, at the end of which time his services were engaged by the Standard Oil Company and he was sent back to Ottawa, where he was employed in the interests of that company for six months. He then came to Champaign county and from 1906 to 1910 was employed with a hardware firm at Mechanicsburg. It was in 1910 that Mr. Buckwalter located at North Lewisburg, where he formed a partnership with G. E. Jordan and engaged in the hardware business there, under the firm style of Buckwalter & Jordan. In 1914 Mr. Jordan retired from the firm and Mr. Buckwalter formed a company and incorporated the same as the Buckwalter Hardware Company and under that corporate title has since continued to carry on the hardware business at North Lewisburg and has done very well, the business annually assuming greater proportions. Mr. Buckwalter's store occupies two floors of a building twenty by seventy-five feet in dimensions, with an ample warehouse for storage purposes for

farm machinery maintained in connection with the same. The store is well stocked and the business is conducted in accordance with modern and up-to-date methods, Mr. Buckwalter's long experience in the mercantile business giving him exceptional advantages in that direction.

In 1905 Joseph C. Buckwalter was united in marriage to Clara Unkenholz, daughter of Frederick Unkenholz and wife, and to this union two children have been born, Joseph H. and Frederick C. Mr. and Mrs. Buckwalter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active interest in the various beneficences of the same, Mr. Buckwalter being a member of the board of trustees of the church. Politically, he is a Republican, giving his earnest attention to local political affairs, and, fraternally, he is connected with the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest.

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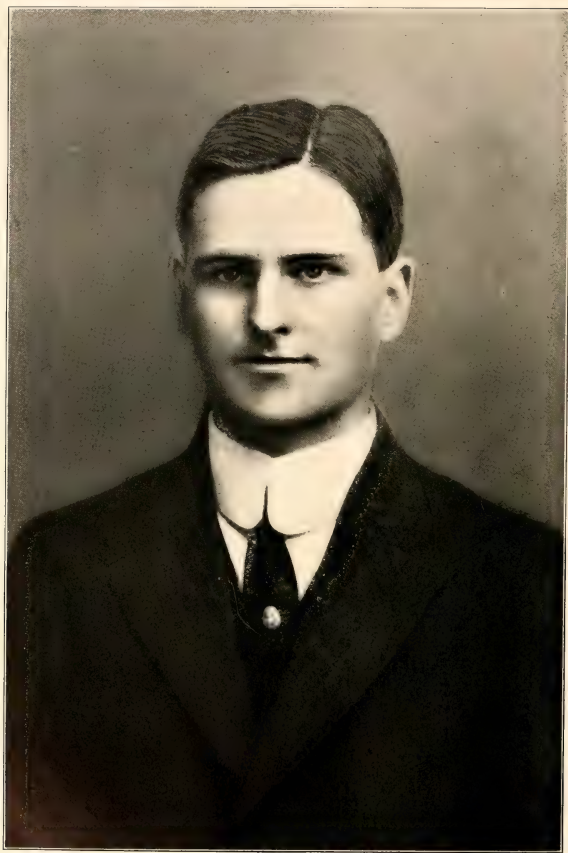
#### ASA G. HOPKINS.

Asa G. Hopkins, a veteran of the Civil War and the proprietor of a dairy farm on rural route No. 4 out of Mechanicsburg, on the Urbana pike, one and a half miles northwest of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, this county, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state nearly all his life. He was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Union on January 22, 1847, son of George and Sarah (Bates) Hopkins, the former a native of that same county and the latter a native of the neighboring county of Logan. George Hopkins was a son of Benjamin Hopkins, a native of England, whose early manhood was spent as a sailor and who, upon his retirement from the sea, came to this country and settled in Union county, this state, where he established his home and where he spent the remainder of his life. George Hopkins grew to manhood and there married and established his home, remaining a life-long farmer. He and his wife were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth.

Reared on the home farm in Union county, Asa G. Hopkins received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and was living there when the Civil War broke out. Though but sixteen years of age at that time, his heart was stirred by the appeal to arms and he wanted to go to the front, but had to wait. Later, however, he was able to enlist as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volun-







HAROLD M. HOPKINS.



JAMES R. HOPKINS



teer Infantry, and served with that command until the expiration of the war. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to his home in Union county and shortly afterward went to St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, where for twelve years he was engaged in the oil business. In the meantime, December 31, 1874, he married and not long afterward bought the farm on which he is now living, in Goshen township, this county, and there has made his home ever since, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Hopkins has for years given particular attention to the dairy feature of his farming and has one of the best-equipped dairy farms in the county and a fine herd of Jersey cows, the general management of which of late years has been under the direction of his younger son, Harold M. Hopkins, one of the best-known dairymen in this county. Mr. Hopkins is the owner of two hundred and seventeen acres in the home farm and he and his son have an excellent farm plant. In addition to his farming and dairying interests, Mr. Hopkins also gives considerable attention to the general interests of the community and is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg.

On December 31, 1874, in the neighborhood of Irwin, close to the tri-county line, Asa G. Hopkins was united in marriage to Nettie C. Miller, who was born at what then was known as Liverpool, in Madison county, daughter of James and Emaline (Burnham) Miller, who in 1861 moved from there to the vicinity of Irwin, where they established their home. James Miller and wife were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living, Mrs. Hopkins having two brothers, John B. and Frank C. Miller, who are living on the old home place in the neighborhood of Irwin. Two sisters died in childhood, Emma Z. at the age of two years and Clara E. at the age of seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have two sons, James Roy, born on May 17, 1877, and Harold M., the latter of whom is unmarried and is making his home on the old home place, managing the dairy and also giving his attention to the affairs of the Home Dairy and Standard Ice Cream Company, of which he is a stockholder and manager of the creamery and ice plant and also of the ice cream department.

James Roy Hopkins, an instructor in the Art Academy at Cincinnati, has had a distinguished career as an artist and his name is widely known in art circles both in this country and in Europe. Following his graduation from the Mechanicsburg high school, he entered Ohio State University at the age of nineteen and, after two years of attendance there, began to specialize in his art studies at the university. Presently he entered the Cincinnati Art school and it was not long until his work began to attract special attention.

He later went abroad and his work was exhibited in both London and Paris, the young artist thus attaining international fame. Three years ago he was made a member of the faculty of the Cincinnati Art Academy and now occupies that position, one of the best-known artists in that city. His wife, who was Mrs. Edna (Beachboard) Boies, and whom he met at Cincinnati, also is an artist of international reputation, her pictures hanging in some of the most noted art galleries in the world. She was born in Michigan and her education in art was completed in Paris, in which city she made her home for some years. Her specialty is wood block printing. They make their home in Cincinnati.

Asa G. Hopkins and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg and have for years taken an earnest interest in the various beneficences of the same, Mr. Hopkins being a member of the board of trustees of that church. Mr. Hopkins is a member of the local lodge of the Masons at Mechanicsburg, as is his son, Harold, and both he and his wife are members of Caroline Chapter No. 39, Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Hopkins being past worthy matron of the same, and all take a warm interest in local Masonic affairs, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the common welfare thereabout.

Mr. Hopkins is a Republican and was township trustee about twelve years, being always active in politics.

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### SETH M. WEST.

Seth M. West, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Logan county, now living at North Lewisburg, which has been his place of residence since 1896, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the neighboring county of Union on February 16, 1844, a son of Frederick R. and Eliza (Norvall) West, the former a native of the state of Massachusetts and the latter, of Ohio, whose last days were spent in Union county, this state.

Frederick R. West was born at Lee, Massachusetts, and there grew to manhood, later coming to Ohio and settling in Medina county, presently moving up into Union county, where he married Eliza Norvall, a member of one of the pioneer families of that county, and there he remained for some years, at the end of which time he moved on up into Logan county,



where he spent his last days, becoming a substantial farmer. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, namely Henry D., who is a farmer in Kansas; Seth M., the subject of this biographical sketch; Alonzo P., deceased; William Allen, of Kings Creek, this county; David L., a Kansas farmer; two who died in youth, and Olive L.

Seth M. West grew up on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and in September, 1861, he then being but seventeen years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union army during the continuance of the Civil War, a member of Company C, Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted at Middleburg and from Camp Dennison went with his regiment to Kentucky, thence to Tennessee and then on into Georgia, where the command was attached to General Thomas's command, Fourteenth Army Corps. The first engagement in which Mr. West participated was the battle of Wild Cat, Kentucky, and in quick succession followed the battles of Perryville, Jonesboro, Hoover's Gap, Tennessee, and then on into the thick of the Atlanta campaign, and was thus serving when, on March 26, 1863, he received his discharge on a physician's certificate of disability, a severe attack of rheumatism having incapacitated him from further service. He then spent the following summer at home recuperating and in September of that same year, 1863, re-enlisted in his old company and rejoined his regiment, which later took part in the Atlanta campaign, under General Sherman, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea and later on up through the Carolinas and on to Richmond. Mr. West participated with his regiment in the Grand Review at Washington at the close of the war and upon being mustered out returned to his home in Ohio, resuming there his place on the farm. He was married in the spring of 1872 and continued farming in Logan county until in November, 1896, when he retired from the farm and moved to North Lewisburg, where he since has made his home and where he is very comfortably situated. Though long retired from the active labors of the farm, Mr. West continues to retain a close personal interest in farming and gives considerable personal attention to his well-kept farm up in Logan county.

Seth M. West has been twice married. It was on April 12, 1872, in Logan county, that he was united in marriage to Lucetta Inskeep, who was born in that county, a daughter of Joel Inskeep and wife, and who died on March 12, 1885, leaving one child, a son, Marshall C. West, now an automobile dealer in Detroit, Michigan, who married Maude Mason and

has one child, a daughter, Helen. Some time after the death of his first wife Mr. West married Anna Waugh, who was born in Washington county, this state, daughter of William S. and Rebecca (Graham) Waugh, natives of Pennsylvania, who were married in that state and later came to Ohio, locating in Washington county, where they remained until 1880, when they moved to North Lewisburg, this county, where they spent their last days, Mr. Waugh being engaged there as a photographer and in the undertaking business. William S. Waugh and wife were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. West was the second in order of birth, the others being James G., Deborah (deceased) and William E. (deceased).

To Seth M. and Anna (Waugh) West one child has been born, a daughter, Rebecca Jane, who married John R. Wilson, Jr., and is living in Logan county. Mr. and Mrs. West have a pleasant home in North Lewisburg and take a warm interest in the general social activities of their home town. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. West is a class leader and a member of the board of stewards of the church. He is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and a member of King's Lodge No. 54, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the affairs of both of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

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### JAMES RAWLINGS TODD.

James Rawlings Todd, one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial retired farmers and dairymen, former trustee of Union township and for years actively interested in the public affairs of the community, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm on Pretty Prairie, in Urbana township, March 9, 1863, son of Thomas Mitchell and Mary Martha (Rawlings) Todd, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of this county, prominent residents of the Pretty Prairie neighborhood.

Thomas Mitchell Todd was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, on April 17, 1827, son of David and Sallie Todd, who came to this state from Pennsylvania in 1846, locating first in Warren county and coming thence, in the spring of 1847, to Champaign county and settling in Urbana township, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives. Thomas M. Todd was twenty years of age when he came to this county and on March 12, 1857, ten years later, he married Mary Martha

Rawlings, who was born in Urbana township on December 25, 1831, daughter of pioneer residents of the Pretty Prairie section. After his marriage he established his home on a farm five miles southeast of Urbana, where he developed a fine piece of farm property and where he and his wife continued to make their home until in April, 1896, when they and their daughter, Alma, moved to Urbana. There Mrs. Todd died on December 1, 1905. Mr. Todd died in October, 1911. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Susanna, born on March 18, 1858, who died on December 14, 1862; David Solon, born September 8, 1860, who after years of successful farming in Union township, moved to Urbana, married Florence Engle, December 24, 1884, and had two children, Herbert E., born on June 29, 1886, and Wilbur M., born January 6, 1890; Alma, born October 9, 1864, who is now making her home in Urbana; Henry William, born August 7, 1867, who died on July 16, 1883; Thomas Rawlings, born March 27, 1870, a well-known Champaign county farmer, who, on November 14, 1895, married Laura V. Swinley; Pearl C., born November 18, 1872, who died at San Antonio, Texas, March 20, 1909, leaving a widow, Eveline (Cartmell) Todd, to whom he was married on September 16, 1902, and one child, a daughter, Margaret L., born on March 23, 1904; the widow and her daughter now living at Urbana.

James R. Todd was reared on the home farm on Pretty Prairie, a valued assistant to his father and brothers in the labors of improving and developing the same, and received his early schooling in the neighborhood schools, supplementing the same by a two-years' course in Oberlin College, after which he returned to the old home place and there continued engaged in farming for about three years, at the end of which time he began farming on his own account and later became a landowner in Union township, establishing his home there after his marriage and continued farming there, his farm being a part of the old Todd farm, and there continued to make his home until 1912, when he moved to Urbana township, where he remained, operating a dairy farm, until in March, 1917, when he retired from the farm and moved to Urbana, where he and his family are now living and where they are very comfortably situated. During Mr. Todd's long residence on the farm he was quite extensively engaged in the raising of cattle and horses, in connection with his general farming, and did very well in his operations. He is a stanch Republican and for twelve years served as trustee of Union township. He also served for six years as director of the county infirmary and in other ways has given his personal attention to local public affairs.

It was on October 6, 1892, that James R. Todd was united in marriage to Kate A. Preston, of Mutual, this county, who was born in Nelsonville, over in Athens county, this state, daughter of Dr. H. S. and Charity (Hush-owa) Preston, who became residents of Mutual in 1876, where the Doctor is still engaged in the practice of his profession. Doctor Preston was born in Columbus, this state, and is a graduate of Sterling Medical College in that city. It was in March, 1876, that he located in Mutual, where he ever since has made his home, engaged in practice and in the mercantile business. He and his wife had four children, those besides Mrs. Todd being William (deceased), Abba, wife of Frank Stone, of Springfield, this state, and Charity, wife of E. A. Baker, of Springfield.

To James R. and Kate A. (Preston) Todd two children have been born, Elise Alma, wife of Harry Carnahan, head chemist for the Caldwell & Bloos Company, of Mansfield, this state, and Imogene, who is at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Todd and their daughters are members of the Presbyterian church and have ever taken a warm interest in church affairs, as well as in the general social activities of the community, helpful in numerous ways in advancing such movements as are designed to advance the common welfare. Mr. Todd is a Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and in the affairs of these popular organizations takes an active interest.

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#### ALFRED L. YODER.

Farming in the good, old-fashioned way has been a good enough occupation for Alfred L. Yoder, of Salem township, Champaign county; he has been at it since a boy. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, September 8, 1875. He is a son of David J. and Susanna (Garber) Yoder, both natives of Holmes county, this state, where they grew up, at Wallen Creek, German township, and there they were married and established their home on a farm, where they remained until 1892, when they removed to Champaign county and located on the place on which the subject of this sketch is now making his home. The father bought sixty acres in Salem township, which he operated until 1907, when he retired from active life and is now making his home among his children, of whom there were five, named as follow: Joas D., A. D., Elizabeth, one died in infancy, and Alfred L., of this sketch. David J. Yoder, the father, was a son of John and Katherine (Miller) Yoder, both

natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Ohio in an early day, settling in Holmes county.

Alfred L. Yoder, of this sketch, grew to manhood on the farm, where he worked with his father when he became of proper age. He received his education in the rural schools of Holmes county. He continued farming there until 1907, when the family moved to Salem township, Champaign county, at which time he began farming for himself on the home place, his father retiring at the time, and here he has continued raising a general line of crops and live stock of various grades, renting the land from his father. He makes a specialty of fattening horses for the market, handling about twenty-five head annually, also many hogs.

The mother of Alfred L. Yoder died in 1900.

Mr. Yoder was married in 1905 to Elizabeth Kenegy, who was born in 1880. She is a daughter of Levi Kenegy and wife, natives of Logan county, Ohio.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Yoder, namely: Clara Belle, Laura Ellen, and Lavina Catherine.

Politically, Mr. Yoder is a Republican. He belongs to the Mennonite church at Oak Grove.

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### JAMES ROBINSON.

Another of the painstaking farmers of Salem township, who is contented to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, is James Robinson, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, July 20, 1854. He is a son of George and Lucinda (Bailey) Robinson, both natives of Virginia, from which state they moved to Coshocton county, this state, in an early day, where they spent the rest of their lives, devoting their active days to general farming. They had three children, namely: Elizabeth, who married Michael Fox; Nannie, who married I. S. Williamson, and James, of this sketch.

James Robinson received a limited education in the rural schools of his native community, leaving school when fifteen years old, and began life for himself as a farm hand, which work he continued until he came to Champaign county, in 1881, first renting sixty-five acres in Wayne township, later took charge of the Cowgill farm of six hundred acres, which he conducted successfully and on an extensive scale for a period of thirty-one years. In 1914 he bought his present farm of sixty-one acres in Salem township, known as the old Seth Thomas place, and here he intends to make his future



home. He has made up-to-date improvements in general and his home is pleasantly located.

On September 3, 1885, Mr. Robinson was married to Alice Metz, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and a daughter of Samuel and Eliza Metz, who resided in Champaign county after the Civil War.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson four children have been born, namely: Samuel Milroay, who married Mary Breedlove, lives in Wayne township; George Frederick, Edith and Mabel, all three live at home with their parents, and are unmarried.

Politically, Mr. Robinson is a Democrat, but votes independently, endeavoring always to put the best men in office, regardless of their party affiliations.

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#### ABRAHAM L. GLENDENNING.

There are few families in Champaign county better known or more widely represented hereabout than the Glendenning family, which was established in this county in 1829 and has ever since been prominently represented in the life of the county. James Glendenning was the founder of the family in Champaign county. He was a native of Scotland and was but two years of age when he came to this country with his parents in 1795, the family settling in Harrison county, Virginia, in that part of the Old Dominion now comprised within the bounds of West Virginia. There he grew to manhood and married Mary D. Van Horn, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1793. After his marriage he continued to make his home in Virginia until 1829, when he drove through with his family to Ohio, arriving at Mechanicsburg in December of that year. Not long afterward he settled on a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres on Brush lake, in Rush township, this county, and there established his home and spent the rest of his life, living to the advanced age of eighty-two. His wife died at the age of seventy. They were the parents of eight children, a list of whom is set out elsewhere in this volume, where extended mention is made of the Glendenning family in this county.

Of the eight children born to James Glendenning, the pioneer, and wife, William Glendenning was the second in order of birth. He was born in Virginia on July 8, 1817, and died at his home in this county on March 2, 1897. All his life he was a farmer and came to be the owner of more than seven hundred acres of land. William Glendenning was twice married and by his





MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM GLENDENNING



first wife was the father of five children and by his second wife, eight, as set out in the general history of the Glendennings presented elsewhere in this volume. The second wife of William Glendenning was Mary Hawkins, who was born in the state of New Hampshire on January 23, 1825, and who survived her husband more than six years, her death occurring on September 16, 1903.

Abraham L. Glendenning, sixth in order of birth of the eight children born to William and Mary Ann (Hawkins) Glendenning, was born on the old home farm in Rush township, this county, July 16, 1860, and there grew to manhood. He received his elementary schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and in 1880 attended the Woodstock schools. In 1881-82 he attended the North Lewisburg schools and during 1883-84 was in attendance at Antioch College. With a view to taking up the law as a profession, he then read law for fifteen months in the office of Lew Johnson, but later decided that the medical profession would be more to his liking and for eleven months read medicine in the office of Dr. W. G. Wagstaff. Then turning from the professions, Mr. Glendenning took up practical farming and has ever since been engaged in farming, in which vocation he has done very well. After his marriage in 1890 he received from his father the Johnson farm of one hundred and twenty acres two and one-half miles north of Woodstock, in Rush township, and has ever since made his home there. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Glendenning has made many substantial improvements on the same and has a fine home and one of the best-equipped farm plants in the neighborhood. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Glendenning has for years given considerable attention to dairy farming and the raising of high-grade live stock, being recognized as one of the most progressive and up-to-date farmers in that section of the county. Politically, he is a Republican and has ever given close attention to local civic affairs, but has not been included in the office-seeking class.

On February 22, 1890, Abraham L. Glendenning was united in marriage to Charlotte E. Burnham, who also was born in Rush township, this county, daughter of Capt. Philo and Charlotte (Perkins) Burnham, the former of whom was born in that same township and the latter in the state of Massachusetts. Capt. Philo Burnham, who was a substantial farmer of Rush township, was a son of Erastus and Elizabeth Burnham, natives of Massachusetts, who drove through from that state and settled in Champaign county in pioneer days. During the Civil War Captain Burnham commanded a company in one of the Ohio regiments. His wife originally was a member

of the Methodist Episcopal church, but later became a member of the Christian church. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Glendenning was the fourth in order of birth, the other being, Annette, who married Adolphus Horn and is now deceased; William P., for many years a well-known farmer and grain dealer in Rush township, who died in 1913; Mary O., who married James M. McMahon and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, and the Hon. Philo G. Burnham, a prominent attorney of Dayton, this state, who for some time represented the Dayton district in the Ohio state Senate. Philo G. Burnham received his early schooling in the Woodstock schools and later attended Antioch College and the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. For two years he taught school at Covington, this state, and then, twenty years or more ago, entered upon the practice of law at Dayton and has ever since been located there. He is a staunch Republican and in addition to serving as a member of the state Senate, has served as city solicitor for the city of Dayton. His wife, before her marriage, was Erli C. Baer.

To Abraham L. and Charlotte E. (Burnham) Glendenning one child has been born, a daughter, Martha Mary, who died at the age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. Glendenning are members of the Christian Science church.

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### JOHN F. LINVILLE.

The "song of the forge" has long been pleasant in the ears of John F. Linville, retired blacksmith of Kennard, Champaign county. He was born in Wayne township, this county, September 16, 1856. He is a son of Ellis and Rachael A. (Middleton) Linville. The father was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and the mother was born in Champaign county, Ohio. The father was brought to Ohio when three years old by his parents, Solomon and Louise Linville, who first located at Springfield, where they lived about ten years, then moved to Champaign county, locating on a farm in Wayne township, where he also worked as a carpenter, following the two occupations the rest of his life. Ellis Linville grew up on the farm and attended the common schools in Champaign and Clark counties. After leaving school he took up the carpenter's trade which he learned under his father, also followed farming in Wayne township, this county, until 1873, when he moved to Salem township and continued farming, renting land until 1876, when he took charge of the Cowgill farm of three hundred acres, which he

conducted until 1897, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Kennard, enjoying a good trade, and continued in that line until 1910. He then sold out and retired from active life, but remained at Kennard until his death, June 15, 1914. He was a soldier in the Civil War, having enlisted in Company H, Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served faithfully for nearly three years. The fact that he came home carrying thirteen bullet marks on his body would indicate that he did not spend those three years on a pleasure excursion. The fact is, he was in the midst of some of the leading battles of the war, and, according to his comrades and officers, was a brave and efficient soldier. He was mustered into the service at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, and served with that command until he was mustered out and honorably discharged. Among the engagements in which he participated were those of Resaca, Dallar, Kenesaw Mountain, Pine Mountain and Lovejoy Station. One of the first engagements in which he took part was the battle of Dutton Hill, Kentucky, and he also took part in the pursuit of General Morgan, the Confederate cavalry raider, through Indiana and Ohio. On October 20, 1863, he was at the battle of Philadelphia, Tennessee, in which his regiment lost sixty-eight men, killed, wounded and missing. Later the regiment served in the campaign in eastern Tennessee, and on November 15th of that year at Holston River, lost one hundred and one men, including five officers. In an engagement two days later, November 17th, they had a brisk encounter with the forces of General Longstreet. From Tazewell, Tennessee, the regiment went to Cumberland Gap and thence to Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and finally on into Georgia to take part in the Atlanta campaign, and was present at the siege of Atlanta.

After his military service Ellis Linville returned to his home in Champaign county and resumed farming and carpentering, but owing to his many wounds he was never a robust man thereafter. His family consisted of the following children, namely: John, of this sketch; Louise, Sherman, Fannie, William, Augustus, Louis, Margaret, Charles and Edward.

John F. Linville, of this sketch, grew up on the farm in Wayne township, and he attended the rural schools. When a young man he took up farming and carpentering under his father, continuing at these occupations in his home community until 1883, when he took up the blacksmith's trade, at which he became highly skilled, and continued the work until 1917, when he retired; however, he still does a little wood work. He was married in 1879 to Rebecca F. Sheppard, a native of Belmont county, Ohio. She is a daughter of Jeremiah and Anna Mary (Ball) Sheppard.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Linville, two of whom

are deceased; Richard, who married Ada Clark, lives in St. Paris, Ohio, and they have two children, Ethel Pacola and Alice.

Politically, Mr. Linville is a Republican, and he belongs to the Friends church.

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### JOHN M. TRITT.

John M. Tritt, a well-known hardware employee of North Lewisburg, this county, member of the Buckwalter Hardware Company, former marshal of that village and whose wife is postmistress there, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Champaign county since he was twenty-two years of age. He was born in Scioto county on November 7, 1861, son of Jacob and Margaret (Rickey) Tritt, also natives of this state, the former born in Columbiana county and the latter in Scioto county.

Jacob Tritt was a son of Joshua Tritt and wife, the latter of whom was a Deselom. Joshua Tritt also was born in Columbiana county, this state, and lived there all his life, a substantial farmer. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, those besides Jacob having been John, Joseph, Daniel, Elizabeth, Mary, Esther, Lucy and Matilda. At the age of twelve years Jacob Tritt went to Scioto county and there grew to manhood, becoming a carpenter and farmer. There he married Margaret Rickey, who was born in that county, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Beck) Rickey, early settlers of that county, whose last days were spent there. Mrs. Margaret Tritt died in Scioto county in 1879, at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: James, who died at the age of twenty-eight; Rachael, who married Edward McGowan and lives in West Virginia; Isaac, who is a land dealer at Spokane, Washington; Phoebe, who married Edward Mault and also lives at Spokane, and Margaret, who died unmarried. Some time after the death of his first wife Jacob Tritt married Elizabeth Braine and continued to make his home in Scioto county until 1897, when he moved to Spokane, Washington, where he died on October 19, 1915, and where his widow is still living. Jacob Tritt was a Democrat in his political affiliation and by religious persuasion was a Methodist.

John M. Tritt received his schooling in the schools of his home county and remained at home there until he was twenty-two years of age, when he came up into Champaign county and began farming in the neighborhood of Woodstock, in Rush township, continuing thus engaged until 1897, when



he became employed in the hardware business at North Lewisburg, in that same township, in association with Creviston & Dominy, and later, with Buckwalter & Jordan. By reason of a reorganization of this latter concern the firm name later became the Buckwalter Hardware Company and Mr. Tritt has been a stockholder in the same for the past three years or more. Ever since locating at North Lewisburg he has given his earnest attention to the general business affairs of that thriving little city. Mr. Tritt is a Democrat and served for one year as marshal of North Lewisburg. While thus serving he was shot by a yeggman who had broken into the postoffice on the night of November 16, 1908, and received a bullet wound in the left knee which incapacitated him for more than two years.

On November 27, 1903, at North Lewisburg, John M. Tritt was united in marriage to Elizabeth L. D. Inskip, who was born in that village, a daughter of Isaiah G. and Rachel (Tallman) Inskip, both of whom were born in the neighboring county of Logan. Isaiah G. Inskip was an honored veteran of the Civil War, having gone to the front as a member of Company C, Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served as corporal until the fall of 1862, being discharged on account of disability incurred by reason of a severe attack of measles suffered while in the service. He re-enlisted September 26, 1863, and served until the close of the war. At the time of his discharge he was first corporal of his company. Mr. Inskip was for some time the proprietor of a general store in Logan county and later became engaged in the saw-mill business and became a building contractor, many years ago taking up his residence at North Lewisburg, where he lived for forty years, his death occurring in 1915, he then being eighty years of age. His widow is still living there. Isaiah G. Inskip was a Republican and was for years an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the affairs of which patriotic organization he took a warm interest. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Tritt was the last born, the others being as follow: Ella, who married Michael Dehaven and is now deceased; Thomas, who died in infancy; Charles, who also died in infancy; Clyde, who died as an infant, and Anna, who died at the age of twenty-three years.

In 1909 Mrs. Tritt was appointed postmistress of North Lewisburg, under civil service, and has since been serving in that important public capacity. She grew up at North Lewisburg and upon completing the course in the high school at that place took a supplementary course in the college at Ada and for four years thereafter was engaged in teaching school, teach-

ing two years at Mingo and two years in her home town. She is a member of the local branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Tritt is a Democrat and takes an active part in local political affairs. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

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### JOHN HENRY ELSEN DIMOND.

John Henry Elsen Dimond, a well-to-do retired carriage manufacturer and landowner, of Urbana, former member of the city council and for years one of the most active figures in the business life of that city, is a native of England, but has lived on this side of the water since he was fourteen years of age and has been a resident of Urbana since the year 1872. He was born in the town of Chudleigh, in Devonshire, son of Samuel and Ann W. (Elsen) Dimond, also natives of that place, who spent all their lives there. Samuel Dimond, who was the overseer of a large estate, died at the age of forty-two years. His widow married William Chaffe and lived to the advanced age of eighty years. By her first marriage she was the mother of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: William, who is a farmer in Canada; Mary Ann, who died in England; Eliza, who also died in England; Jackson, who as a boy joined the British navy, in 1850 joined the new Argonauts in the search for gold in California, made and lost several fortunes in the West and is now in a Lutheran home on Puget Sound; Elizabeth, who died in 1916; Samuel R., who served in the British army and is now living retired at Manitoba, Canada, and Fannie, who married William Chaffe and is living in Canada.

John H. E. Dimond received his early schooling in his native town of Chudleigh and in 1863, he then being fourteen years of age, crossed the water and joined his elder brother at Mitchell, Canada, where he completed his schooling in a night school and where he lived until 1868, learning there the rudiments of the carriage-making trade. In the year last named, he then being nineteen years of age, he went to Detroit, Michigan, and in that city worked at his trade until 1871, in which year he went to Chicago and was there engaged working at his trade for a year, at the end of which time he went to Indianapolis and after a short stay there, in 1872, he came over into Ohio and located at Urbana, where he ever since has made his

home. Upon Mr. Dimond's arrival in Urbana he secured employment in the carriage factory of Warren & Gaumer and was for four years engaged in that establishment. He then transferred his services to the like establishment of Auginbauch & McComb and remained thus connected for four years, at the end of which time he bought a carriage factory on South Main street, later erected there a three-story brick factory building and was there engaged in business on his own account for twenty-eight years, or until he rented his factory in 1916 and retired from active business. During all the years of his connection with the carriage manufacturing business Mr. Dimond made a point of the strictly hand-made character of his output and his buggies and carriages thus came to have a distinctive character and quality which strongly recommended them to the trade and he built up an extensive market for the output of his factory, becoming one of the best-known carriage manufacturers in Ohio.

From the time he arrived in Urbana in 1872 Mr. Dimond has taken a warm interest in local affairs and as his business interests there began to expand, took a gradually increasing interest in the development of the city's industrial and commercial life, until he presently came to be accounted one of the most active and influential figures in the business life of the community. When the telephone became a practical adjunct to business and social intercourse, he took an active part in the organization of the local telephone company, helped to establish the plant and has been a member of the board of directors of the local telephone company and chairman of the executive committee of the same ever since the company was organized. He also is a stockholder in the Champaign National Bank of Urbana and the National Bank of Urbana, a stockholder in the Howard Paper Company, the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty-seven acres south of Urbana and has other important interests. Mr. Dimond is a Republican and for fifteen years served as trustee of Urbana township. He also gave valuable service to the public as a member of the Urbana city council and was for some time chairman of the finance committee of that body. In all movements having as their object the betterment of local conditions he has contributed of his time and influence and for some time served as the president of the local health league organized for the purpose of ameliorating the living conditions of the poor.

On November 30, 1875, about three years after taking up his residence in Urbana, John H. E. Dimond was united in marriage to Susan A. Dillinger, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph M. and Catherine Dillinger, natives of that same county, who came

over into Ohio, first settling in Hancock county and in 1861 coming to Champaign county, where they established their home. Mrs. Dimond died on April 24, 1917. Joseph M. Dillinger was a carpenter and farmer and his last days were spent in this county. His widow later moved to Springfield, this state, where her last days were spent. They were the parents of six children, of whom Isabel, of Springfield, is the only survivor, the others having been Nathan, Mary, Kittie and Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Dimond had one son, William E. Dimond, who formerly was engaged in the carriage manufacturing business with his father, acting as a salesman, and who is now engaged in the live-stock business at Urbana. William E. Dimond married Geneva Lohr and has three children, Lee E., Richard D. and William L. The Dimonds are members of the Baptist church, of the board of trustees of which Mr. Dimond has for years been a member, and is now president of the board and chairman of the building committee. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge (Champaign Lodge No. 525) at Urbana and with the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Dayton. He also is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a past noble grand of the lodge of that order at Urbana.

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### WILLIAM REYNOLDS ROSS.

The late William Reynolds Ross, who was an honored veteran of the Civil War and for years vice-president of the Champaign National Bank of Urbana, was born at Urbana and lived there all his life, with the exception of the period spent during his service as a soldier of the Union and a short time thereafter, when he was employed in a bank at Nashville, Tennessee. He was born on May 7, 1841, son of Philander B. and Jane (Reynolds) Ross, who were the parents of two children.

Philander Ross was but a youth when he came to Champaign county with his parents and for a time after coming here he lived on a farm, but presently moved to Urbana, where he engaged in the mercantile business, one of the early merchants of that city, and followed a highly successful business career the rest of his life there. He took a very active part in the general business affairs of the city and was for years one of the most influential men in this county, long serving as president of the Champaign National Bank. He was twice married, his second wife having been Julia Slater.

Reared at Urbana, William R. Ross received his schooling in the schools



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of that city and was clerking in his father's store there at the time the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service as a member of Company K, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command served for two years, at the end of which time he was discharged on a physician's certificate of physical disability. During the period of his service with the Sixty-sixth Ohio Mr. Ross participated in numerous of the most important battles of the war and also served for some time in the commissary department. Upon the completion of his military service he returned home, but shortly thereafter went to Nashville, Tennessee, where for a short time he was employed in a bank there, presently returning to Urbana to take a position in the Champaign National Bank, of which his father at that time was the president. With that sound old financial institution Mr. Ross remained connected the remainder of his life, gradually rising from a clerkship to the position of vice-president of the bank, a position he held for years and which he was holding at the time of his death, on December 23, 1915, long having been regarded as one of the most substantial and influential bankers and general business men in this part of the state. Mr. Ross was a Republican and ever took a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, but was never a seeker after public office.

William R. Ross was twice married, his first wife having been Margaret Belle Brand, daughter of J. C. Brand, of Urbana, further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. To that union one child was born, a son, John R. Ross. Some time following the death of his first wife Mr. Ross married Ella Taylor, daughter of William S. and Mary (Hickman) Taylor, who became residents of Champaign county about 1830. Both William S. Taylor and his wife were born in Shepardstown, Virginia (now in West Virginia), and were married there. About 1830 they came over into Ohio and settled on a farm on Buck creek, in this county, where they remained until 1853, when they left the farm and moved to Urbana, where both spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Taylor dying in 1858 and his widow surviving until 1871. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Ross is now the only survivor. The other children were Lucian, Virginia, Lee and Jane. Mrs. Ross is a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and has for many years taken an active interest in its affairs. She is also interested in the general social activity of her town and has always helped to promote such agencies as were designed to advance the general welfare of the community in which she has spent practically all her life.

A concluding word should be said regarding the attitude of William R. Ross toward his fellow citizens. He was one of those men who stood square

on every proposition and never advanced an opinion without carefully weighing what he had to say. He was one of the most respected and at the same time one of the most public-spirited men of the county. Whether he was on the street, in a business affair, or in the church—it mattered not; his conduct was always the same. If there was a proposition which looked doubtful to him he had nothing to do with it. In other words he tried to make his everyday life square with what he preached. He was an active worker in Grace Methodist Episcopal church and for over forty years was a member of its official board. For twenty years of this time he was superintendent of the Sunday school. Thus, taking everything into consideration, William R. Ross may be set down as one of Champaign county's truly eminent citizens.

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### GEORGE JORDAN.

George Jordan, an honored veteran of the Civil War, former recorder of the neighboring county of Union, but for the past ten years or more engaged in the grain, coal and hay business at North Lewisburg, this county, head of the firm of Jordan & Sons, and owner of the grain elevator at that place, is a native of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the neighboring county of Union March 14, 1844, son of William and Nancy (Westlake) Jordan, the former of whom was born in Scotland and the latter in this state.

William Jordan was well grown when he left his native Scotland and came to this country. For a time after his arrival here he was located in New York state and then he came to Ohio and located in Union county, where he presently married and where he spent the remainder of his life, following his vocation of stonemason, a trade he had learned in his youth before coming to this country. His widow survived him for some years, her last days being spent in the home of her son, the subject of this sketch, at North Lewisburg. William Jordan and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: Samuel, now deceased, who was a farmer in Union county; John, who went to California in the days of the gold rush and there died; William, now deceased, who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company C, Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for four

years, and was later successfully engaged in farming in Union and Champaign counties; Isaiah, deceased; Mary A., who married Calbert Bergentine and who, as well as her husband, is dead; Elizabeth, who married John Corbett, a veteran of the Civil War, a member of Company C, Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Christine, who married Joel Burrows and who, as well as her husband, is dead, and Nancy Jane, now deceased, who was the wife of Adam Wilford, a carpenter.

George Jordan supplemented the schooling he received in the common schools of his home county by a course in a commercial college at Columbus and in March, 1862, just after passing his eighteenth birthday, enlisted for service in the Union army and went to the front as a private in Company C, Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being sent to Spring Hill, Tennessee. The month after his enlistment he took part in the battle of Shiloh and was in the later battles at Corinth, Mississippi; Perryville, Kentucky; Hoover's Gap, Stone's River and Chickamauga. In the latter battle, September 20, 1863, Mr. Jordan was shot through the left forearm, just below the elbow, the bullet making a very aggravated wound. Crude first-aid attention was given the wound when Mr. Jordan was taken back to the field hospital and he then was taken in a government wagon across the mountains to a railway station and thence by rail to Nashville, where he was placed in government hospital No. 19, it being nine days after receiving his wound before it was given proper medical and surgical attention. For about five weeks thereafter Mr. Jordan was confined in the hospital and he then was furloughed home on convalescent leave. Upon the termination of his furlough he reported at Camp Denison and after about two months there received his final discharge and returned home.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Jordan engaged in farming in Union county and after his marriage in the fall of 1865 established his home on a farm there, remaining engaged in farming there for twenty years, or until his election to the office of recorder of Union county. He served six years in that office and upon the completion of his term of public service came over into Champaign county, in 1906, and located at North Lewisburg, where he since has been engaged in the grain, hay and coal business, owner of the grain elevator at that place, doing business under the firm name of Jordan & Sons, three of his sons being engaged in business with him, and is doing a fine business.

It was in November, 1865, in Union county, that George Jordan was united in marriage to Nancy C. Holycross, of that county, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Delmar N., who married Clara

Brown and is now living at Marysville; Samuel W., who married Edith Ballinger and is engaged in business with his father; Frank A., who married Gertrude Ballinger and is also in business with his father, and William F., who married Lulu Gray and is in business with his father and brothers. Samuel A. and Frank A. Jordan are members of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at North Lewisburg and William F. Jordan is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Jordans are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community and the general social activities of their home town, helpful in promoting all proper agencies for the advancement of the common welfare thereabout. Mr. Jordan is an active member of John Burney Post No. 193, Grand Army of the Republic, at North Lewisburg, and has held various offices in that patriotic organization. He is an excellent business man and has done much to promote the general business activities of the town since taking up his residence there in 1906.

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#### GEORGE McCONNELL.

George McConnell, president of the Desmond-Stephan Manufacturing Company, of Urbana, a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' National Bank of that city, former secretary of the Urbana Waterworks Company, and in other ways interested in the general business and industrial life of his home city, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on January 1, 1875, son and only child of Major Thomas and Margaret (McDonald) McConnell, both of whom were born in this state and the latter of whom is still living at Urbana.

The late Major Thomas McConnell, an honored veteran of the Civil War, was a native of Warren county, born on a farm in the vicinity of Lebanon on January 18, 1839, son of James M. and Eleanor (Murray) McConnell, both of whom were born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, of Scottish descent, and who came to Ohio shortly after their marriage and settled in Warren county, later removing to Champaign county, where they settled on a farm and where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the Major was the second in order of birth. The latter was reared on the home farm in this county and received his schooling in the local schools. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War he

responded to President Lincoln's first call for troops in April, 1861, and went to the front as a private in Company K, Thirteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the end of his initial term of enlistment, after which, in 1862, he re-enlisted for service and returned to the front as first lieutenant of Company A, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, later being promoted to the captaincy of his company and then to major of the regiment, with which rank he was mustered out at the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge on July 15, 1865. During his long service, Major McConnell participated in some of the most important engagements of the war. He was in charge of his command at the battle of Lookout Mountain and served all through the Atlanta campaign. At the battle of Chancellorsville he received a serious wound and for some time thereafter was confined to the hospital. Upon the completion of his military service, Major McConnell returned home and in 1868 was elected sheriff of Champaign county. After four years of service in that important capacity he engaged in the livery business at Urbana and was thus engaged the rest of his life, one of the best known and most progressive citizens of that place. The Major was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the affairs of both of those organizations took a warm interest. Major McConnell died at his home in Urbana on September 30, 1901. His widow is still living at Urbana. She was born in this county on January 26, 1843, Margaret McDonald, daughter of Colin and Nancy (McColloch) McDonald, also natives of this state, the former born in Ross county and the latter in Logan county, and was married to Major McConnell on June 28, 1866. To that union but one child was born, a son, George McConnell, subject of this biographical sketch.

George McConnell was reared at Urbana and upon completing the course in the schools of that city took a further course in Urbana University, after which he entered the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. In 1898, he was made secretary of the Urbana Waterworks Company, and for about four years thereafter was manager of the waterworks plant. He then became manager of the Mammoth Furnishing Company and was thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time, in 1907, he bought the plant of the Desmond-Stephan Manufacturing Company and has been president of that company and manager of the manufacturing plant controlled by the same ever since, long having been regarded as one of the leading manufacturers and business men of Urbana. In addition to his manufacturing interests, Mr. McConnell has other important



connections in Urbana, is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' National Bank of that city, a member of the board of directors of the Urbana Canning Company and a director of the Mammoth Furnishing Company, and a director of the Perpetual Building and Savings Association, to the affairs of all of which concerns he gives his earnest personal attention. Mr. McConnell is an ardent Republican, as was his father, and has ever taken an active interest in local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

In May, 1900, George McConnell was united in marriage to Ida M. Stone, of Urbana, daughter of S. L. P. and Julia (Geiger) Stone, and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter, Robert and Margaret Frances. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are members of the Presbyterian church, in the various beneficences of which they take an active interest, Mr. McConnell being one of the deacons of the local congregation. He is a Knight Templar and Royal Arch Mason, president of the board of trustees of the Urbana Masonic Temple Association, and is a noble of the Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Antioch Temple at Dayton, and has for years taken a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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### UTAH S. MILLER.

Utah S. Miller, one of Salem township's most progressive and substantial farmers, was born on the farm in that township on which he now lives and which he owns, and which was owned in turn by his grandfather and his father, and has lived there all his life, one of the best-known residents of that part of the county. He was born on April 23, 1861, a son of Joseph and Fannie (Herr) Miller, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania, for many years prominent residents of the Kings Creek neighborhood and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Urbana.

Joseph Miller was born in Page county, Virginia, March 2, 1822, and when a young man came to Ohio and helped in the construction work at the time of the building of the Sandusky division of the Big Four railroad. In Salem township, this county, he married Fannie Herr, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1832, daughter of Abraham and Fannie Herr, also natives of Pennsylvania, who came to this county in the early forties and settled on a farm on the state road in Salem township, four miles north of Urbana, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of



their lives. Abraham Herr and wife were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. Miller having been Abraham, David, Benjamin, Jacob, Elizabeth and Barbara. After his marriage Joseph Miller located on the William Long place and after a sometime residence there moved to a farm near West Liberty, but a year later came back to this county and bought the old Herr home place on the state road in Salem township and there established his home. He built a new house and made other substantial improvements to the place and continued actively engaged in farming there the rest of his life, his death occurring on December 6, 1901. He was a Democrat and served for some time as township trustee. He was a member of the Kings Creek Baptist church, as is his widow, and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the fifth in order of birth, being as follow: Benjamin F., who was accidentally killed at Urbana; Albert S., now a resident of Columbus, this state, where he is engaged in the real estate business; Abraham H., a hardware merchant at Urbana; William H., of Detroit, Michigan; Charles Grant, who has long been engaged in the newspaper business and who is now living in New York City, the metropolitan correspondent of the *Cleveland Leader*, and Effie, wife of J. W. Ambrose, a hardware merchant at Urbana.

Reared on the home farm in Salem township, Utah S. Miller received his schooling in the local schools. He early devoted himself to farming and has always remained on the home farm, a fine place of one hundred and nine acres, which he now owns and where he is quite successfully engaged in general farming. His farm plant is well equipped and his farming is carried on in accordance with modern methods of agriculture. He pays considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock and in this latter line also has done quite well. In his political affiliation, Mr. Miller is a staunch Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not sought public office.

On September 9, 1902, Utah S. Miller was united in marriage to Bertha Harvey, who also was born in Salem township, a daughter of John and Martha Harvey, the former of whom was a son of Rev. James P. Harvey, a pioneer minister of the Kings Creek Baptist church. John Harvey, an honored veteran of the Civil War, was a farmer all his life and his last days were spent on his farm in Salem township, where his death occurred in February, 1908. His widow is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Miller. During the war John Harvey served the Union as a member of Company E, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served all through the war. He and

his wife were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Miller, the third in order of birth, being as follow: Grant Harvey, who lives in Salem township; William Harvey, who lives in the neighboring county of Logan; Susan, wife of M. D. Fox, of Wayne township, this county, and Edna, wife of S. E. Zook, of Logan county.

To Utah S. and Bertha (Harvey) Miller one child has been born, a son, Robert, born on May 18, 1909. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Kings Creek Baptist church.

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### C. H. MARVIN.

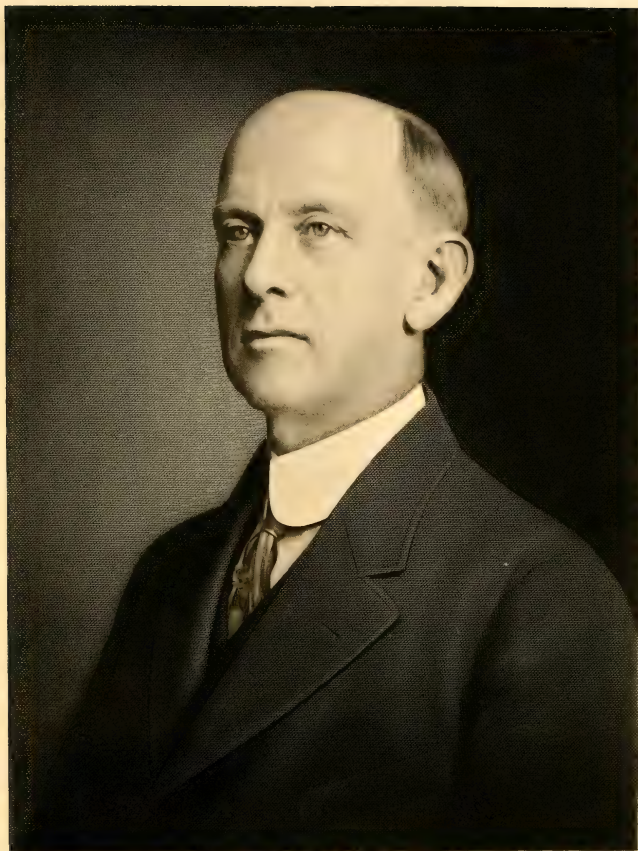
C. H. Marvin, president of the W. H. Marvin Company, of Urbana, president of the Champaign National Bank of that city, president of the McCoy Canning Company, president of the Urbana Telephone Company, formerly and for years a member of the local school board and in other ways actively identified with the growing interests of the city in which he has made his home for the past thirty years or more, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Urbana since the middle eighties. He was born at Cardington, in Morrow county, September 11, 1860, son of William H. and Loretta F. (Wolcott) Marvin, both of whom were born in Genesee county, New York, the former at Leroy and the latter at Oakville, whose last days were spent at Urbana, where the elder Marvin established the flourishing business which still bears his name and of which his son, the subject of this biographical sketch is now the head.

William H. Marvin was born on December 15, 1829, and was but a lad when he moved with his parents from Genesee county, New York, to Morrow county, this state, where he grew to manhood. When fifteen years of age he began his successful mercantile career as a clerk in the store of J. S. Trumble at Mt. Gilead, in that county, and was thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time, he having meantime saved eight dollars, he opened a small store of his own in the neighboring hamlet of Sparta and was thus engaged in the latter place for three years, during which time he did so well that he determined to embark in business on a somewhat more extensive scale and, with that end in view, moved to Cardington, where he opened a dry-goods store which proved to be a very successful enterprise. Mr. Marvin married and established his home in Cardington, early in his business career there becoming recognized as one of the leading figures in the commercial life of that town. In 1876 he aided in the organization of the First National





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Bank of Cardington and was elected president of the same. He also became interested in banking concerns at Shelby, at Galion and at Columbus and continued to make his home at Cardington until 1886, in which year he moved to Urbana, where he engaged in the wholesale grocery business, under the firm name of W. H. Marvin & Company, and was thus actively engaged until in 1896, when the company discontinued the grocery end of the business and gave its full attention to the manufacture of mince-meat, the canning of fruit and the importing of currants from Greece and in this line Mr. Marvin continued actively and very successfully engaged until his death, which occurred at Urbana on May 11, 1898. He was an active member of the Episcopal church and was a Royal Arch Mason.

C. H. Marvin was reared at Cardington, the place of his birth, and was early inducted into the details of his father's business. Upon completing the course in the schools of his home town he took a course at Kenyon College and upon leaving college was given a place in his father's bank at Cardington, later transferring his services to the Morrow County National Bank, at Mt. Gilead, the county seat, and was thus engaged at that place until in 1886, when he moved with his father to Urbana and there engaged with his father in the grocery business. Later he became one of the most important factors in the concern of W. H. Marvin Company, canners, manufacturers of mince-meat and importers of currants, and while thus engaged with his father became secretary and treasurer of the company, a position he held until his election to the presidency of the company in 1915, which position he now occupies. It is perhaps not too much to say that the firm of W. H. Marvin Company has done more to "put Urbana on the map" than any other single agency in that city. During the busy season it employs more than one hundred and twenty-five persons in its big plant and its products are shipped all over the country, the goods bearing the Marvin stamp being widely known and in great demand on account of their uniform excellence. In addition to the extensive interests he represents as head of W. H. Marvin Company, Mr. Marvin also has for years taken an active and influential part in the general business affairs of the city and has long been regarded as one of the city's most forceful "boosters" and "live wires." Since the year 1907 he has been the president of the Champaign National Bank of Urbana, and is also president of the Urbana Telephone Company and of the McCoy Canning Company. He is an ardent Republican and has ever taken an earnest interest in the general civic affairs of the city and county, but the only public office which has had any personal appeal to him was a place on the local board of

education, his warm interest in educational affairs prompting him to accept a place on that board and to retain the same for ten or twelve years, during which term of service he was able to do much in the way of advancing the interests of the schools. Mr. Marvin has always been an advocate of public progress and in many ways has done his part toward placing Urbana in the front rank of Ohio municipalities of its class.

On January 30, 1889, C. H. Marvin was united in marriage to Amelia Talbott, daughter of J. G. Talbott, and to this union two children have been born, C. H., Jr., and Kathryn C. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin are members of the Episcopal church and have ever taken an earnest part in church affairs, as well as in the general social and cultural activities of their home town, and have been helpful in many ways in promoting the common welfare. Mr. Marvin is a Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree) Mason, a member of the consistory at Dayton, and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Antioch Temple, at Dayton, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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#### FERNANDO WARD.

Fernando Ward, a farmer living on route nine, Urbana, Ohio, was born in Mad River township, June 17, 1856, a son of Sylvester and Louisa A. (Smith) Ward. Sylvester Ward, father of Fernando Ward, was born on December 12, 1826, on the old Ward farm, and he died December 30, 1892. He was a son of George and Barbara (Strickler) Ward. Both he and his wife were natives of Virginia and lived there until after their marriage. They came to Ohio in 1816 and settled in what is now Mad River township. He entered land here and built a cabin in which he began life in the woods. They lived here the rest of their days. The children of George and Barbara Ward were: Maria, Barbara, Jerusha, Sabra, Gideon, Joseph, Noah, Sylvester and Sylvenius (twins), and E demon.

Sylvester Ward grew to manhood in this county. His marriage to Louisa Smith occurred November 30, 1851. They settled on a farm where they continued to live the rest of their days. Their children were: Philander, Fernando, Lauretta, Rennetta. Philander is deceased, Lauretta became the wife of Monroe Frank, Rennetta was the wife of Milton C. Harter.

Fernando Ward, our subject, was reared on the old home farm and received his education by attending the district schools in the winter season

when work on the farm was not pressing. He had no time to attend school during the spring and summer season. He was married to Emma E. Pence, January 11, 1881. She was born in Mad River township, April 6, 1860, a daughter of Amos and Clarinda (Browning) Pence. Amos Pence was born in Mad River township, May 24, 1822; his wife was born in Delaware county, Ohio, March 20, 1838. She is still living in St. Paris, Ohio. Her husband died January 24, 1904. They settled on a farm and spent their active years in farming in Mad River township.

Fernando Ward owns seventy-five acres of land, a part of the old Ward farm. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never been active in party affairs. Mrs. Ward is a member of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church. They have no family.

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### WILLIAM J. W. RAWLINGS.

The late William J. W. Rawlings, for years one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial farmers, who died at his home in Urbana township in the spring of 1898, was a native of this county and spent all his life here. He was born on a farm on Pretty Prairie, in Urbana township, April 29, 1830, son of James and Susanna (McRoberts) Rawlings, the former a native of the state of Kentucky and the latter of this county, whose last days were spent on their farm on Pretty Prairie.

James Rawlings was but a child when his parents came to this county from Kentucky and he rode ahead of his father on horseback on the journey up. The family settled on Pretty Prairie and there James Rawlings grew to manhood and married Susanna McRoberts, who was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families in the southern part of the county. After his marriage he established his home in that same section and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential farming people. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Mary, who married Mitchell Todd, a farmer, of Urbana township, and who late in life retired to Urbana, where both died; Jane, who married John Knight and occupied the old home farm in Urbana township; Thomas, also a farmer in Urbana township, who married Emily Humes and died at his home in Urbana township, his widow spending her last days in Urbana; James Harrison, also a farmer in Urbana township, who died

after his retirement from the farm and removal to Urbana and who was twice married, after the death of his first wife, Laura Townley, he having married Emma Funk, and Douglas, ho married Alice Townley and died of his farm in Clark county, his widow spending her last days in Springfield, that same county.

Reared on the home farm on Pretty Prairie, William J. W. Rawlings received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and from the days of his early boyhood was a valued aid to his father in the labors of improving and developing the home place. After his marriage in the summer of 1863, he began farming for himself in Urbana township and became a successful and substantial farmer and landowner, spending the rest of his life there, actively engaged in farming, his death occurring on March 29, 1898, he then being just one month under sixty-eight years of age. He was a Republican and ever took an earnest interest in local political affairs, but had not been included in the office-seeking class. As a member of the Presbyterian church he also took an active interest in church work and in other neighborhood good works and did his part as a citizen in promoting all good causes throughout that part of the county.

It was on June 11, 1863, that William J. W. Rawlings was united in marriage to Elcetta M. Mumper, of this county, who was born in Macomb, McDonough county, Illinois, a daughter of Jacob and Ann (Wagner) Mumper, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in York county, that state, and the latter in the neighboring county of Cumberland, who were married there and in 1839 went to Illinois and located at Macomb, where Jacob Mumper engaged in the distilling business and also owned a farm. Presently he met business reverses and lost practically all he had, after which he came with his family to this state and located in Miami county, where he was engaged in farming for three years, at the end of which time he came over into Champaign county and for two years thereafter was engaged in farming on a farm on the Ludlow road. After that he was for six years engaged in farming the Baldwin place and then he bought a farm on Pretty Prairie, on the south county line, where he established his home and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in his seventy-fourth year. His widow later moved to Urbana, where her last days were spent, her death occurring there in the eighty-fourth year of her age. They were members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, of whom Mrs. Rawlings was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Jane, who married John

Todd, a substantial farmer of Urbana township, and has seven children; Abram, a farmer of Clark county, who married Sarah Hutton and also has seven children; John, a retired farmer living at Urbana; Anna, widow of E. P. Kingsley, a commercial traveler, who died in March, 1915, leaving one child, a daughter, Catherine, who married Frank Ganson, an automobile dealer, of Urbana, and they have one child, a son, Kingsley; Emma, wife of Dr. Luther Woolford, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Ellen, wife of Charles Nichols, of Urbana.

To William J. W. and Elcetta M. (Mumper) Rawlings six children were born, namely: Anna, who married Major Fred Phelps, a retired officer of the United States army, now engaged in the recruiting service, and they have one child, a son, Ralph; James D., a retired farmer and stockman, now living at Urbana, who married Ida Willoughby and has four children, Marie, who married Dr. Arthur C. Bible, a dentist, of Urbana, and has one child, a daughter, May V., and Christine, Eloise and William; Thomas, who married Blanche Hume, of Union township, this county, and has three children, Caroline, Margaret and Corinne; Ralph and Ruelle (twins), the former of whom, a traveling man living in Detroit, married Katherine Van Meter and has one child, a son, Edward, and the latter of whom married Dr. E. W. Ludlow, of Urbana; Warren, now engaged with a manufacturing concern at Atlanta, Georgia, who married Pearl Minturn and has one child, a son, Leslie. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Rawlings moved to Urbana, where she has since made her home at 127 West Market street with her two daughters.

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#### ROBERT LEE GRIMES, M. D.

Dr. Robert Lee Grimes, of Westfield, Ohio, was born in Carroll, Maryland, in 1860. He is a son of Dr. G. S. Grimes, a citizen of Maryland, who died in Virginia in 1876. For many years he practiced his profession in Maryland.

Dr. R. L. Grimes was left to his own resources at the age of sixteen years. In 1876 he went to Front Royal, Virginia, for the purpose of taking a course in pharmacy. Later he entered a medical college at Baltimore, Maryland, completed the prescribed course of study and graduated as a full-fledged physician. During the time of his college study he secured the means to meet his expenses by working in a drug store, and engaging in such other work as opportunity afforded. After his graduation he engaged



in the practice of his profession in Montgomery, West Virginia, and, in 1892, he came to Westville, Ohio. He soon established a successful practice here and continued until 1912, when he retired from practice on account of his health. He married Bertha R. Taylor, daughter of Simeon Taylor. She was born near Westville on the old Taylor homestead in Mad River township.

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### PAUL C. SPAIN.

Paul C. Spain, one of the best-known merchants at North Lewisburg, this county, member of the firm of Spain & Dolan, dealers in general hardware and farm implements, and who was former clerk of that village and is now serving as treasurer of the same, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of North Lewisburg, in Rush township, September 11, 1881, son of Joseph W. and Flora E. (Clark) Spain, both of whom also were born in this county and who are now living in North Lewisburg.

Joseph W. Spain was born on a pioneer farm in Rush township, in 1851, son of Wright and Lucy (Crowder) Spain, natives of Virginia, who had come to this county with their respective parents in the days of their youth, grew up here, married and established their home in Rush township and there spent their last days. Joseph W. Spain grew to manhood on the home farm and married Flora E. Clark, a member of one of the old families in that part of the county, and in turn became a farmer in Rush county, a vocation he ever since has continued, though for some years past living practically retired from the active labors of the farm at his pleasant home in North Lewisburg. He and his wife have three sons, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Howard and Robert J. Spain.

Reared on the home farm in Rush township, Paul C. Spain received his early schooling in the schools of North Lewisburg and supplemented the course there by a course in Bliss Business College at Columbus, after which for four years he was engaged as a clerk in the hardware store of Creviston & Dominy at North Lewisburg, thus acquiring a thorough acquaintance with the hardware trade. He then bought Mr. Dominy's interest in the store, the firm thus becoming Creviston & Spain, which arrangement continued for about nine years, at the end of which time, in 1913, Mr. Creviston sold his interest in the concern to Mr. Dolan and since then the business has been conducted under the firm name of Spain & Dolan. The firm



occupies a two-story store building, twenty by ninety feet, and an additional warehouse for the storage of agricultural implements, and carries a large and comprehensive stock, including general hardware and farm implements, together with such other goods as are usually carried in a store of that character, and has a large and growing business. Mr. Spain is a Republican and has long given his active attention to local political affairs, being at present a member of the county central committee of his party. He served for some time as clerk of the village of North Lewisburg and is now serving as treasurer of the same.

In 1905 Paul C. Spain was united in marriage to Lenora A. Townsend, daughter of O. S. Townsend and wife, and to this union two children have been born, Dorothy and Floriene. Mr. and Mrs. Spain have a very pleasant home at North Lewisburg and take an earnest interest in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Spain is an active Mason, past master of the local lodge of that ancient order, and is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of both of which organizations he takes a warm interest. He is one of the most active and energetic business men in North Lewisburg and has long been recognized as among the leaders in all movements having to do with the promotion of the substantial interests of that town.

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### DAVID LOUDENBECK.

David Loudenbeck lives on a farm located on rural route number nine, Mad River township, Urbana, Ohio. He was born on this farm in March, 1843, and this has always been his home. He is a son of Jonas and Susie (Snyder) Loudenbeck, old residents of this county.

Jonas Loudenbeck was born, January 28, 1816, on the farm now owned by Alfred Taylor, in Mad River township. Jonas was a son of Daniel and Mary (Pence) Loudenbeck. They came from Virginia, where they were born, reared, educated and married. They came to this county in 1810 and entered a tract of government land, improved the same and established a home, in which they spent the remainder of their days. Daniel Loudenbeck was a blacksmith and worked at his trade along with his farming work. He lived to be nearly ninety years old; the wife died at the age of ninety-six. They were the parents of four children.

Jonas Loudenbeck grew to manhood on the old home place. After his marriage he removed to the farm on which our subject now lives. He

cleared up this farm and put up buildings and added improvements from time to time until he had a farm in a good condition for cultivation and for the production of good crops. He made this his home until his death, which occurred in 1903. His wife also died in this home. They had three children: David, our subject; Jane, wife of Abraham Pence, living in Shelby county; Sarah, the wife of Isaiah Smith.

David Loudenbeck was reared on the farm and received his education in the common schools. He remained at home doing his share of work on the farm until his marriage. He was married in 1866 to Roanna Colbert, a sister of Isaiah Colbert, whose biographical sketch appears in another place in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Loudenbeck have three children: Edgar, living at home; Walter D., at St. Paris, Ohio; Edna, wife of Walter Alban, of Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Loudenbeck is a member of Urbana Lodge, No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically, he is a Democrat. His greatest interest is centered in the care and cultivation of his one hundred and eighty-seven acres of land, some of the best in the township. The land is well adapted for stock raising and for the production of abundant crops of grain and other farm products. The condition of the farm and of everything about the premises shows good taste and intelligent management, and that modern methods are employed in the operation of the farm.

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### ROBERT HENDERSON, M. D.

Dr. Robert Henderson, one of Champaign county's best-known physicians, is a Virginian, but has been a resident of Ohio since the latter seventies and of the city of Urbana since the year 1884, being thus very properly entitled to be regarded as one of the "old settlers" of this county. He was born in the city of Parkersburg, Virginia (now in West Virginia), on March 22, 1851, son of Richard H. and Ann Maria (Shanklin) Henderson, both natives of that same state, and was reared there and in Wheeling, in which latter city he completed his work in the common schools. While engaged as a clerk in a store at Parkersburg he began the study of medicine and after awhile entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, being graduated from that institution in 1878.

For a short time after receiving his diploma Doctor Henderson was engaged in the practice of his profession in West Virginia and then came

to Ohio, locating at New Moorefield, in Clark county, where he remained until the fall of 1884, when he moved to Urbana, opened there an office for the practice of his profession and has ever since been thus engaged in that city. Doctor Henderson is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society, a member of the Ohio Medical Society and a member of the American Medical Association, in the affairs of which organizations he takes a warm interest, ever keeping fully abreast of the advance being made in his profession. The Doctor is an active Democrat and during the second Cleveland administration served as a member of the pension examining board for this district. He is a Mason and takes much interest in the affairs of that ancient order.

In 1875, several years before coming to this state, Doctor Henderson was united in marriage to Elizabeth S. Thomas, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and to this union two children have been born, Richard T. and Helen. Dr. Richard T. Henderson was graduated from the Starling Medical College at Columbus in 1900, having been prepared for college by study under his father's preceptorship, and is now associated with his father in practice. Helen married William C. Bonebrake, a civil engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad at Pittsburgh.

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#### A. F. TAYLOR.

A. F. Taylor is a retired farmer and yet is interested in farming under the firm name of A. F. Taylor & Son, proprietors of the Hereford cattle farm consisting of two hundred and seventy-five acres, located three miles west of Urbana, on the Urbana and Piqua pike.

Mr. Taylor was born in Cambridgeshire, England, November 8, 1850. He came to the United States in 1854, locating in Ontario county, New York, and came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1875. In 1887 he located on a farm one mile west of Woodstock, in Champaign county, and three years later he came to his present farm. He received his early education in New York state and remained at home until he was twenty-one, when he started out for himself without a dollar. He first took a contract for furnishing plaster rock, one thousand tons, at seventy-five cents a ton. This gave him a little start, and he came to Summit county to engage in farming. He rented a farm and, in connection with his brother, began the experiment of farming and stock raising, in which he was quite successful. He after-

wards purchased a half interest in a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, his brother-in-law taking the other half. After two years he purchased the other half interest and operated the farm alone.

Mr. Taylor was married to Rachael Spensly. She was born in Medina county, Ohio, where she was educated and engaged for some time in teaching. Edward T. is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. He was born on February 15, 1878, and was educated in the district schools, graduating in the Urbana high school and in the agricultural school at Columbus, Ohio. He married Mabel Jenkins, of St. Paris, Ohio, who was educated in the graded schools and a graduate of the St. Paris high school. They have one child, Melvina A., born June, 1909.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the Universalist church, of Westville, Ohio, and is one of the trustees of that church. He is a charter member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, and served as treasurer of that order. He is a Republican, but has never taken an active part in party affairs.

Mr. Taylor is largely interested as a breeder of Hereford cattle and has a herd of three hundred, and is a feeder of a large number of hogs.

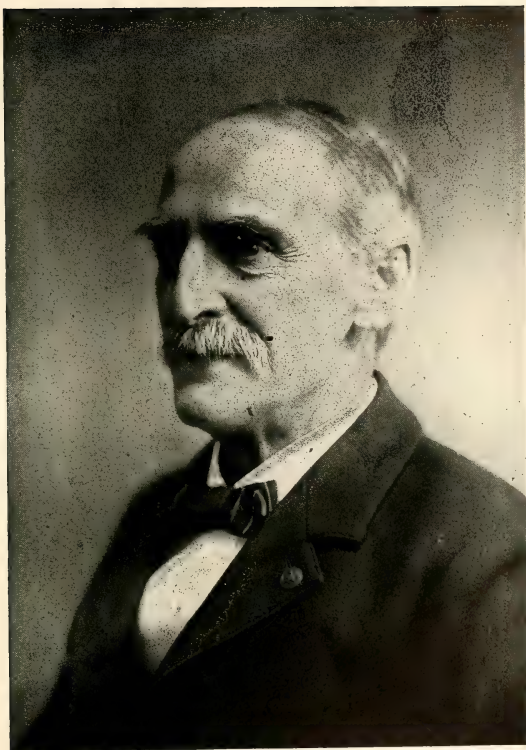
Mr. Taylor's house was destroyed by fire in 1914 and he built a modern bungalow in which he now lives. It is a very comfortable home and nicely located.

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### DAVID W. TODD.

Judge David W. Todd, an honored veteran of the Civil War, former probate judge of Champaign county, former assistant postmaster at Urbana and for many years one of the best-known lawyers at Urbana, is a native son of the old Keystone state, but has been a resident of Ohio and of this county since he was eleven years of age and may thus very properly be accounted as one of the real "old settlers" of Champaign county. He was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1835, son of David and Sarah (McCormick) Todd, both natives of that same state, who came to Ohio in 1846 and in 1847 settled on a farm on Pretty Prairie, in Urbana township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential residents of that sterling community, the death of the senior Todd occurring there in 1868.

Reared on the home farm on Pretty Prairie, David W. Todd received his elementary schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and supplemented the same by a course in Miami University, at Oxford, this state, from



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which he was graduated in 1860. Meantime he had been giving close attention to the study of law in private readings and upon leaving the university entered the law office of Shellabarger & Good at Springfield and there completed his legal studies and was qualified for practice. Upon being admitted to the bar in 1863 he opened an office for the practice of his profession at Urbana and in the fall of that same year he was elected county attorney of Champaign county, in which official position he served so satisfactorily that he was re-elected in 1865 and thus served as county attorney for two terms. During this time he had given some attention to the work of developing the industries of Urbana and in 1873 was made general superintendent of the Urbana Machine Works, a position which he occupied for a couple of years, at the end of which time he resumed the practice of his profession and in 1878 was elected probate judge in and for Champaign county and by successive re-elections was retained in that office for four terms, or until 1890, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession and in looking after his other interests in and about Urbana. Judge Todd has ever given his earnest attention to local civic affairs and for ten years served as assistant postmaster at Urbana, retiring in 1916. He is an ardent Republican and has for many years been looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in this county and throughout this part of the state.

The above brief review of Judge Todd's professional and civic activities has made no reference to his distinguished military service during the progress of the Civil War, mention of which has been reserved for a separate paragraph. Upon President Lincoln's first call for volunteers in that memorable April of 1861, Judge Todd responded to the call with patriotic fervor and on April 29 enrolled his name as a member of Company F, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Springfield, with which command he served until the following July. In 1862 he assisted in organizing a Springfield company of recruits and went to the front with them as second lieutenant of Company B, Eighty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was presently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, later becoming regimental quartermaster, and was mustered out with that rank at Camp Delaware on September 25, 1862. On May 6, 1864, he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio and after some active service with that command in the advance on Petersburg was finally mustered out with the rank on August 31, 1864. Judge Todd has for years been one of the most active members of W. A. Brand Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, has held numerous offices in that patri-

otic organization and has long been a familiar and enthusiastic figure at the annual encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Ohio, and has likewise attended several national encampments of the Grand Army.

Judge Todd has been twice married. It was in 1863 that he was united in marriage to Virginia Hamilton, who died in 1868, leaving two sons, Lee H. Todd, for many years proprietor of a book store at Urbana, and Robert M. Todd. In 1869 Mr. Todd married, Ella W. Hovey and to this union three children were born, Nancy H., wife of Cary G. Glessner; Frank W. Todd, who is one of the best-known newspaper men in Urbana, and Helen Todd, who died at an early age. Judge and Mrs. Todd are members of the Presbyterian church and have for years been regarded as among the leaders in the various beneficences of the same, ever taking an earnest interest in church work, as well as in the general good works of the city and county at large, and have been helpful in many ways in promoting such agencies as have been designed to advance the common welfare hereabout.

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### NATHANIEL C. HUNTER.

The late Nathaniel C. Hunter, for years one of the best-known and most substantial farmers and landowners of Salem township, this county, who died in 1908 at his home in Urbana, where he had been living retired from the active labors of the farm for more than twenty years, was a native son of Champaign county and all his life was spent here. He was born on the old Hunter homestead place in Salem township on November 1, 1825, son of John and Jane (Humphries) Hunter, prominent residents of that part of the county, whose last days were spent there.

John Hunter was a son of Nathaniel and Ann (Porter) Hunter, natives of Ireland, who were among the very earliest settlers in the northern part of this county and who took an influential part in the work of creating proper social conditions in the formative period of that now well-established and prosperous farming community. Nathaniel Hunter was born in County Down, Ireland, on a farm about twelve miles from Belfast, December 4, 1768, of Scottish descent, his forbears having crossed from Scotland into the north of Ireland in 1607. On February 2, 1790, he married Ann Porter, who was born on May 15, 1772, also of Scottish descent, and in 1793 he and his young wife and their baby daughter, Mary Ann, came to this coun-

try and located in Greenbriar county, Virginia, where they established their home and where they remained for fifteen years or more, at the end of which time they disposed of their holdings there and in 1810 came out into what then was regarded in the East as the "wilds" of Ohio. Chillicothe was their point of destination in this section and upon his arrival there Nathaniel Hunter began looking about a bit for a suitable place for settlement. He presently bought a three-year lease to a tract of land on Possum Run, eight miles south of London, in Madison county, and the next spring put out a planting of corn on that tract. He later started out seeking a place for the establishment of his permanent home, finally deciding that in Champaign county there were as fruitful possibilities as in any section of this part of the state. So well pleased was this stalwart pioneer with the appearance of things in this county that he bought nine hundred and fifty acres of land in Salem township, two miles west of Mt. Tabor and three miles southwest of West Liberty. Then, with the assistance of his elder sons, he cleared a patch in the forest, built in that clearing a log house and made some other improvements on the place, and in the spring of 1814 moved his family into the new home. Meantime, during the family's residence in Madison county, another baby had been born into the Hunter household, the last daughter, Elizabeth, and thus when the new log house in the wilderness was furnished there was need for the cradle. At that time there still were numerous Indians hereabout and wild game in abundance and with the exception of an occasional small settlement here and there the land was a veritable wilderness. The Indians were not troublesome at that time, however, and the Hunter family was not disturbed in its home-making there in the woods of that Mt. Tabor country, and that home presently came to be recognized as one of the best-established and most hospitable in all that region roundabout. Nathaniel Hunter was a good farmer and lived to see his land, which is still in the ownership of the Hunter family, developed into a fine bit of farm property.

To Nathaniel and Ann (Porter) Hunter nine children were born, namely: Mary Ann, born on October 9, 1791, who married a Casebolt; Alexander, February 11, 1795, who became a substantial farmer in the Mingo neighborhood; Jane, November 11, 1796, who married a Miller; Thomas, January 22, 1799, who also had his home near Mingo; John, March 20, 1801, father of the subject of this memorial sketch; Nancy, April 30, 1803, who died unmarried; Samuel, March 23, 1805, who married Maria Miller and also established his home in Salem township; Sallie J., October 13, 1806, who married a Whitehead and moved to Michigan, and Elizabeth, March 18,

1813, who married a McFerrin and made her home in Salem township. The mother of these children died not many years after the family took up their residence in Salem township and the father married, secondly, a Ward and by that marriage had two children, Maria, born on September 2, 1821, who married James Funk, and Hester Ann, March 2, 1825, who died unmarried.

John Hunter was twelve or thirteen years of age when the family took up their residence in this county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Salem township and continued farming there all his life. He married Jane Humphries, member of one of the pioneer families in that neighborhood, and to that union three children were born, Nathaniel, Washington C. and William H. Hunter. Washington C. Hunter was born on September 15, 1827, and grew to manhood on the home farm in Salem township. He married Agnes Duel and after spending some years farming in this county went to Pasadena, California, where he engaged in the lumber business and where he is still living. He and his wife were the parents of two sons, both of whom are now deceased. Major William H. Hunter, who gained his title while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, was born on September 29, 1840, and also grew to manhood in this county. He married a McDonald and made his home in Salem township and in West Liberty until late in life, when he went to Birmingham, Alabama, where he engaged in the real-estate business and where he spent his last days, his death occurring there on July 31, 1904.

Nathaniel C. Hunter was reared on the farm which his grandfather had opened in Salem township and completed his schooling at Delaware, this state. For a time he was engaged in the mercantile business at Urbana and at West Liberty, but later returned to the old home farm in Salem township and there established his home, engaging in farming there until 1885, in which year he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Urbana, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there on February 18, 1908. During his many years of residence on the farm Mr. Hunter was one of the most active and influential farmers in that part of the county. He was a staunch Republican and held various township offices, giving to his public service his most earnest thought. He was a great reader and kept fully informed on matters of current interest and was particularly interested in matters of local historical interest. In this connection he wrote a history of the Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church, which to this day is regarded as the most authoritative history of that church and the greater part of which is reproduced in the historical section of this work. For sixty-

five years Mr. Hunter was a member of that church and during fifty years of that time was the superintendent of the Sunday school, the last eight years being superintendent in Urbana. He also held all other offices in the church at one time and another and took great pleasure in the work of the church. He was a busy man, energetic and practical and his farming and other interests prospered under his prudent management, so that he came to be recognized as one of the Champaign county's most substantial citizens.

Mr. Hunter was twice married. It was on May 17, 1849, that he was united in marriage to Helen M. Purdy, who was born at Erie City, Pennsylvania, and who died on April 20, 1880. To that union three sons were born, John G., Albert L. and William P. Albert L. Hunter was born on August 4, 1852, and remained a farmer on the old home place in Salem township, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in August, 1909. He married Mary Frances North and to that union four children were born, namely: Grace, who married Quincy Yocum, of Concord township, this county; Edna, wife of Alva Kiser, of Troy, this state; Fern P., who married the Rev. Milton Swisher and died in Iowa, and Elsie, who married Daniel Leamman, a farmer living near St. Paris, this county. William P. Hunter was born on March 12, 1855, and died at San Antonio, Texas, January 5, 1882. John G. Hunter, who was born on June 17, 1850, moved to Michigan, where he became a farmer and where he spent his last days, his death occurring there on January 9, 1916. He married Eva Crookston and was the father of two children, Maud, wife of John Clapper, of Bay City, Michigan, and Charles W., who married Marybelle Wilcox and is now living at Toledo, Ohio.

On January 20, 1883, Nathaniel C. Hunter married, secondly, Mrs. Anna Eliza (Seaman) Enoch, widow of Henry Enoch, of West Liberty, who died in 1858. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Hunter has continued to make her home in Urbana, where she is very comfortably situated. She reared two nieces, Cora and Lavinia Seaman, who continue to make their home with her. Mrs. Hunter was born at Xenia, this state, September 2, 1832, a daughter of Lewis and Lavinia (Smith) Seaman, the former of whom was born in Frederick county, Virginia, in 1805, son of Jonas and Catherine (Sheets) Seaman, natives of that same county, who came to Ohio with their family in 1810 and located at Chillicothe, a year later moving to Clinton county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Jonas Seaman dying there in 1836. Jonas Seaman and wife were the parents of eight children, Jonathan, Philip, George, Lewis, Jonah, Eliza, Joseph and Miles.



Lewis Seaman became a blacksmith and left Clinton county to locate at Xenia, where he remained engaged in that vocation until 1836, when he bought a farm in Logan county, established his home there and there spent the remainder of his life. He was an active worker in the Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church and helped to build two churches. He and his wife, Lavinia Smith, were the parents of six children, those besides Mrs. Hunter being as follow: Josiah, who died at the age of four years; William, who for some time farmed in Illinois, but later returned to the old home place in Logan county, where he died, leaving a widow, Frances Bebee, and one child, a daughter, Josephine; Elisha, a veteran of the Civil War, who served as a member of Company A, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, formerly and for years a farmer and now living at Columbus, this state, who had been twice married, his first wife, Nettie Votaw, a native of Indiana, having died on February 7, 1881, leaving three daughters, Nettie, Cora and Lavinia, after which he married Nellie Fisher, also of Indiana, and by that union has three children, Anna, Bertha and Lewis; Maria Louise, who married James Stanton and is now deceased, and Martha, who married William Winder and died in 1894 at Urbana, this county, leaving one daughter, Florence.

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### JAMES A. POWELL.

It is a fine thing to be permitted to spend one's life at the old homestead, about which cluster memories and associations which cannot be found elsewhere. Such has been the privilege of James A. Powell, farmer, of Urbana township, Champaign county, who was born on the same farm where he now resides on November 27, 1856. He is a son of Samuel Smith Powell and Eliza A. (Showers) Powell, the mother a native of Urbana township, this county. The father was a son of Abram Powell, who was born March 2, 1791, in Kentucky, and in early pioneer days he came to Champaign county, Ohio, and established the family home in Urbana township, where he devoted his life to farming, developing a farm from the virgin soil. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He died at the unusual age of ninety-one years. His wife was a Miss Osborn. They were parents of the following children: Samuel Smith, father of the subject of this sketch; James, Clay, Miller and Flanders, all of whom lived and died in





FLOYD S. POWELL



Urbana township; Nancy died unmarried; John is still living in Urbana township.

Samuel S. Powell, mentioned above, was reared on the home farm in Urbana township and he attended the rural schools there. He burned the brick that went into the present substantial dwelling on his farm, and he made all other necessary improvements. He was a Republican and he served as school director of his district for some time. He gave the ground on which to found Hickory Grove church, which he also helped build. He was always very active in church affairs, his home being a favorite meeting place for church people. It was his delight to lavish old-time hospitality and he frequently entertained at dinner as many as one hundred guests at a time. He was very well known throughout the county and a friend to all who knew him. His death occurred in 1886, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was born on July 4, 1819. His wife was born on October 22, 1827, and died in September, 1876. They were married, October 22, 1846, and their children were named as follows: George W., born July 20, 1848, is farming at Rosewood, Ohio; David W., born December 27, 1849, was a soldier in the regular army and died in California; Daniel W., born March 27, 1851, died in early life; John Andrews, born May 13, 1853, is deceased; Charles Franklin, born December 18, 1854, is deceased; James A., of this sketch; Mary Elizabeth, born April 27, 1858, is deceased; Martha Jane, born January 6, 1860, is deceased; William Lincoln, born December 30, 1860, died in February, 1917, at Huntington, Iowa, where he was foreman in the railroad shops; Clara Bell, born March 11, 1863, is deceased; Emma Jane, born November 30, 1864, is deceased; Fannie Ellen, born August 7, 1866, is single and living at Rosewood, Ohio; Amanda Jane, born May 7, 1868, married Ben Sandy, and she is now deceased.

James A. Powell grew up on the home farm and attended the common schools. He lived with his parents until his marriage on October 14, 1879, to Sarah Ellen Dye, a native of Miami county, Ohio, and a daughter of James and Mary (Evilsizer) Dye, both natives of Ohio, he of Miami county, and she of Champaign county. To James A. Powell and wife one son was born, Floyd Smith Powell, whose birth occurred on February 2, 1881. His death occurred on February 26, 1913. He married Elma May Range, and one son was born to them, James Wesley Powell, whose birth occurred on October 10, 1908. Floyd S. Powell grew up on the home place where he spent his life. He received a good education and was a young man of much promise, well known and popular all over the county. He served as deputy

sheriff and was finally elected to the responsible office of sheriff, the duties of which he was ably and faithfully discharging when he died. Fraternally, he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

After his marriage, the subject of this sketch lived on the home farm a short time, then built his present home on the state road, known as "East View Farm," his place containing fifty-seven and one-half acres. He makes a specialty of belted Hampshire hogs in connection with general farming. He also farms other land in his vicinity which he rents. He votes the Republican ticket. His wife is a Baptist.

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### JACOB E. RHODES.

Jacob E. Rhodes is a farmer, living on rural route number four, Urbana, Ohio, one mile north of Terre Haute, Ohio. He was born in Strasburg, Shenandoah county, Virginia, November 20, 1859, a son of Noah and Catharine (Stover) Rhodes. Noah Rhodes was a son of John and Mary (Cra-bill) Rhodes, who were natives of Virginia, and spent their entire lives in that state.

Noah Rhodes was reared in Virginia and lived in that state until after his marriage. He came to Champaign county, September, 1856, coming with his wife and all his belongings conveyed in a covered wagon. The distance of this journey was about five hundred miles and it took them twenty-two days to make the trip. They slept in the wagon and cooked their meals by the roadside. He had purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in this county, nearly all in the woods. Here he established a home and began the work of clearing timber from his land and getting it in shape for cultivation. He afterwards made an additional purchase of land, making in all one hundred and eighty acres in the farm. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church and active in all church affairs. Politically, he was a Democrat for the most of his life, but later affiliated with the Greenback party. He died, June, 1897; his wife died June, 1916. The children of this family born in Virginia, were: Jacob E., Joseph (living), and John E. (deceased). One child, Joshua, was born in Champaign county, Ohio.

Jacob E. Rhodes was nearly five years old when he came with his parents to this county. He was reared on the farm and attended the public

school during the winter season. He was married to Mary Cook, November 15, 1877. She was born in Mad River township, near Terre Haute, Ohio, April 3, 1855, a daughter of Calvin and Elizabeth (Hupp) Cook. Her parents were both natives of Virginia. Her father was born April 12, 1819, and died in 1909; her mother was born April 23, 1819, and died in 1905. They had eleven children, six of whom are living: William, of Mad River township; Raper, of Rice county, Kansas; Louis, of Urbana township; George, of Clark county, Ohio; Samuel, of Auglaize county, Ohio, and Mrs. Rhodes.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes four boys have been born: Wilber, married Addie Neese; Ona C., married Cora Morris, of Clark county, Ohio; Warren J., married Mary Blue, Mad River township; Carl P., at home. Mrs. Rhodes is a member of the Harmony Baptist church. Mr. Rhodes affiliates with the Democratic party. He has been a member of the school board for twelve years, and one of the trustees for six years. He moved to the farm where he now lives in the summer of 1878, and has turned his attention to general farming and stock raising.

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### JAMES L. FUNK.

While James L. Funk, a retired grain dealer of Liberty, Ohio, lives just across the line in Logan county; nevertheless, he has long been interested in the affairs of Champaign county and his biography is not out of place in a history of the latter. He was born on the old Funk homestead in Salem township, Champaign county, June 3, 1861. He is a son of Jacob S. and Sarah (Long) Funk, the father a native of Fredericks city, Maryland, where he was born in 1815. The mother was a native of Salem township, born on August 24, 1822. When a small boy, Jacob S. Funk moved from the Oriole state with his parents to Pennsylvania, and when he was fifteen years old he accompanied the family to Champaign county, Ohio, locating in Salem township on the state road, in 1830, thus being one of the pioneer families in this locality. His parents were Joel and Elizabeth (Kanagy) Funk. Joel Funk became a leading citizen of his vicinity. He purchased land here, which he cleared, improved and added to, until at the time of his death he owned between four hundred and five hundred acres of land. His family consisted of the following children, namely: Jacob S., father of the subject of this sketch; Emily, who married Jacob Myers;

Caroline, who married Levi Share; Augusta, who died during the Civil War of a fever which she contracted while nursing a Union soldier, and Aaron Benson Funk (deceased), who was a farmer in Salem township.

Jacob S. Funk attended school in Pennsylvania, also in Salem township, Champaign county, also attended a college in the state of Kentucky. After leaving school he took up farming in Salem township, locating on the farm that his son, James L., and daughter, Rovilla, now own, and here he spent the rest of his life engaged in general farming, his death occurring on March 18, 1897. His widow survived until March 25, 1909. He was well known and influential in his township and county. He served as road supervisor and school director of Salem township. His family consisted of five children, namely: Lee W., who lives in Washington, D. C.; Theodore K., an attorney, living in Portsmouth, Ohio; Rovilla lives on the old home place; Eugene resides in Valparaiso, Indiana, and James L. of this sketch. Rovilla Funk attended Delaware College, Ohio, and is a cultured lady. She has always lived on the home place in Salem township.

James L. Funk grew up on the farm and was educated in the common schools of Salem township and the high school at Urbana, from which he was graduated. Upon leaving school he returned home for a short time, and received an appointment in the railway mail service which position he held for over one year, then returned home and managed the farm until 1906, when he moved to West Liberty, Logan county, where he engaged in the grain business for a period of nine years, when he sold out. He has since devoted his attention to looking after his farms in Champaign and Logan counties. He is a member of the board of directors for the Peoples Building and Loan Association of West Liberty.

Mr. Funk was married in June, 1910, to Nellie Elliott, a daughter of Benjamin and Martha Elliott. Their union has been without issue. Politically, Mr. Funk is a Republican. He belongs to the Masonic order, embracing the blue lodge of West Liberty and the Knights Templar of Urbana. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is a member of the official board of the same.

Mr. Funk's mother, Sarah (Long) Funk, was born in Salem township, two and one-half miles southeast of Kings creek. She was a daughter of James and Martha (Turner) Long. He was born in Kentucky, she, in Logan county, Ohio. James Long as a boy came with his parents from Kentucky to Champaign county and bought a farm in Salem township. They were of Scotch-Irish descent. They built a stone house, and there James Long grew to maturity. James Long became a farmer and very well-to-do.







WILLIAM E. BROWN'S STORE, URBANA.

finally owning seven hundred acres of land. They belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and he was a real Christian man. He owned a stone quarry on his farm. He built a large brick house and had it well finished with fine mantels, woodwork, etc. James Long was married twice, first, to Martha Turner. and she died, leaving twin daughters three months old. One was Sarah (Long) Funk. The other girl, Mary, died aged twenty-five. Then James Long married Susannah Cheney.

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### WILLIAM E. BROWN.

William E. Brown, one of Urbana's best-known and most substantial business men, actively identified with the commercial and industrial affairs of his home town, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born in this county, December 29, 1861, son of Harvey and Lucy (Harper) Brown, also natives of this county and members of pioneer families, the former a son of Emanuel and Christine (Henkins) Brown, and the latter a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wilson) Harper, Virginians, who came to this county about 1820 and became substantial and useful pioneers of the Pisgah neighborhood. Both the Browns and the Harpers are of Scotch-Irish descent and of Colonial stock, and both families were honorably represented in the struggle of the colonies for independence during the Revolutionary War.

Bereft of his father in the days of his boyhood, William E. Brown early had his own way to make and he was but a boy when he entered upon his successful mercantile career as a clerk in a store at Urbana. From the very beginning of that career Mr. Brown has given his most earnest thought to the business, and it was not long until he found his way clear to enter business on his own account. As he prospered he gradually enlarged his stock and his establishment grew in importance until it has long been recognized as one of the leading clothing and men's furnishing establishments in this part of the state. Mr. Brown now being the oldest clothing merchant in continuous service in Champaign county. In addition to his extensive mercantile interests, Mr. Brown has other important commercial connections in Urbana, and has for years been regarded as one of the real "live wires" of that flourishing city. For several years he was secretary and treasurer of the Urbana Mills Company, manufacturers of worsted cloth, is a member of the board of directors of the Champaign National Bank, vice-president of the

People's Savings and Loan Company of Urbana, a member of the board of directors of the Ohio Oil and Refining Company, and has other interests, all combining to make him one of the important personal factors in the business life of this community.

On October 15, 1890, in the vicinity of Monticello, in White county, Indiana, William E. Brown was united in marriage to Marietta Burns daughter of William and Etna (McIntyre) Burns, of Scottish ancestry and prominent and substantial pioneers of that county, and to this union two children have been born, daughters, Lucy Burns, who was married to J. Ivan Murphy on October 28, 1916, and Christine Etna, who is now a student at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Brown has a delightful home at Urbana and has ever taken an earnest interest in the general social and cultural activities of his home town. He is a member of the Baptist church and for thirty years Mr. Brown has been the teacher of a class of young men in the Sunday school of that church. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Christian Science church and at one time was second reader. Mr. Brown is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree) Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the blue lodge, the chapter, the council and the commandery at Urbana and with the consistory and the shrine (Antioch Temple) at Dayton, and has for years given his earnest and active attention to Masonic affairs.

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### JOHN LEONARD.

John Leonard, a farmer, living on rural route number four, Urbana, Ohio, was born on the farm he now owns, September 12, 1864, a son of J. P. and Elizabeth (Kesler) Leonard. The father was born in Jackson township. John Leonard is the oldest of a family of four children. The others are, Wilson, Elmer and Charles.

John Leonard spent his boyhood days on the old home farm and received his education in the district schools. He was sufficiently educated to engage in teaching and he followed that vocation for eighteen years, teaching in the schools of the county. He was married, April 22, 1890, to Alvira Fitzpatrick, a daughter of William and Lucinda (Lenmon) Fitzpatrick. After marriage they settled down on the farm where they now live. He bought thirty-seven acres and has made all the improvements on the farm. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard: Wilbur

F., died at the age of eight months, born in 1891; Emery C., born January 9, 1892, graduate of the schools at Thackery and Lawrenceville high school. He is also a graduate of the Wittenberg agricultural school, and of the State University, receiving the degree of Master of Arts in the latter institution, and is at present one of the instructors in the university. He is a member of the St. Paris Lodge No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of St. Paris Chapter No. 132, Royal Arch Masons, and a past high priest of the Raper Commandery No. 19, Urbana, Ohio.

John Leonard is a Democrat in his political belief. He served for five years as justice of the peace in his township. He is a stockholder in the Springfield Building and Loan Company. He is a mason by trade and does some work in that line in addition to his farming work.

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### LORENZO D. WARD.

On November 15, 1879, Lorenzo D. Ward was born on a farm adjoining the one on which he now lives, in Mad River township, Ohio. He is a son of Philander and Mary E. (Stradling) Ward, both of whom are natives of Champaign county, the former born in Mad River township, March 10, 1852; the latter born in Jackson township, September, 1852. Mary E. Ward is a sister of Silas Stradling and is still living.

Philander Ward and Mary E. Stradling were married in Jackson township and settled down on a farm in Mad River township, where Mr. Ward continued to live the remainder of his life. He died July 16, 1904. He was a member of the Universalist church in Westville. In politics he was a Democrat. He was the father of three children, one of whom died in infancy. Lottie, a sister of Lorenzo D. Ward, is the wife of C. F. Loudenback, of Sidney, Ohio.

Lorenzo D. Ward was reared on a farm near where he now lives, and was educated in the district schools of which he is a graduate. He also attended the Westville high school. On October 5, 1904, he was married to Mary B. Middleton, daughter of Arthur and Allie L. (Taylor) Middleton. She was born February 16, 1883, and was educated in the Westville schools, graduating from the high school. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ward settled on a farm in Mad River township and have continued to make their home in this township. They have five children: Beulah L., born July 16, 1905; Marjorie M., born February 19, 1907; Adelaide G., born

January 21, 1909; Loretta E., born April 10, 1911; Robert M., born February 2, 1913.

Mr. Ward is a member of Magrew Lodge, No. 433, Knights of Pythias, Westville, Ohio. He is a Democrat in politics and is trustee of the township. He owns one hundred and eight acres of land, a well improved farm and well adapted for general farming and stock raising, a line of industry in which he is extensively engaged.

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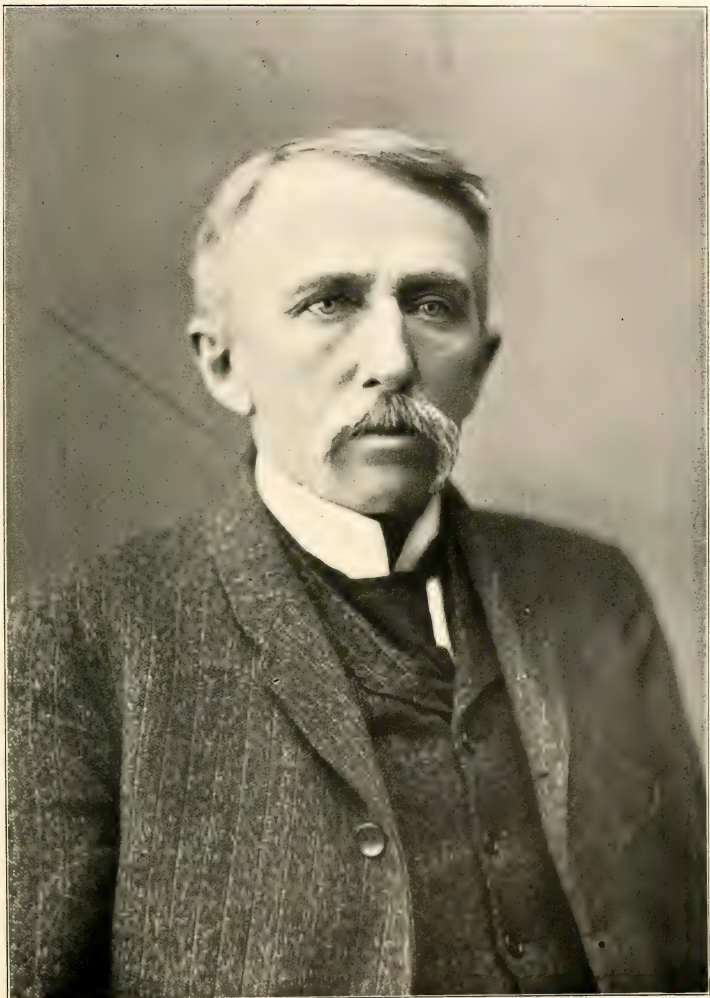
### WILLIAM M. RITCHIE.

The farm of William M. Ritchie lies in Goshen township, in the southeastern corner of Champaign county, being known as "Goshen Fruit Farm." Mr. Ritchie was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, February 1, 1845. He is a scion of one of the sterling families of the Old Dominion, being a son of Solomon and Eliza A. (Ropp) Ritchie, both natives of Loudoun county, Virginia, where their ancestors settled in an early day. There they grew to maturity and were married, then moved to Clark county, Ohio, locating on a farm in Pleasant township and spent the rest of their lives there. The father was also a carpenter by trade, which he followed in connection with farming. His family consisted of six children, three of whom are living in 1917, namely: William M., of this sketch; Charles N., who is farming in Pleasant township, Clark county; Edward H. is also engaged in farming in that township and county; one died in childhood; John S. was a soldier in the Civil War and gave his life for his country; Mary E., who married Oliver Young, is deceased.

William M. Ritchie was reared on the home farm in Clark county, Ohio, and was educated in the district schools. He worked on the home farm and also learned the carpenter's trade with his father, remaining at home until he was twenty years old. He is a mechanic of unusual ability. In 1879 he started a fruit farm in Goshen township and here he has since made his home. He owns sixty-one and one-half acres, which he has placed under excellent improvements and it is one of the most desirable fruit farms in the county. He has made a close study of all phases of horticulture, and is an authority in this line. In connection with fruit growing, he is a breeder of registered Duroc hogs. He finds a very ready market for his fine stock whenever he offers them for sale, owing to their superior qualities. He bought his farm in 1875.

Mr. Ritchie was married on November 4, 1869, to Mary A. Brown.





WILLIAM M. RITCHIE



who was born on the farm where she now lives, June 10, 1850. She was reared in Goshen township and attended the district schools. To this union three children have been born, namely: Celia O., is single and lives at home; John E. married Josephine Lowe and they live in Dayton, Ohio; Anna L. is the wife of A. J. Wilson and they live in Pleasant township, Clark county.

Politically, Mr. Ritchie is a Republican. He has served as a member of the local school board for many years, and was for some time chairman of the board. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Mechanicsburg and have long been active in church work. He served as superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years and has also been a deacon of that church.

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### DAVID BLUE.

David Blue lives on his farm located six miles southeast of St. Paris, Mad River township. It is known as the "Sugar Grove Farm" and consists of sixty-four acres, on rural route number five, St. Paris, Ohio. David Blue was born on a farm south of where he now lives, July 29, 1862, a son of Nelson R. and Mary (Shaffer) Blue.

Nelson R. Blue was also born in Mad River township, Champaign county. His wife was born in Virginia and came with her parents in early life to Champaign county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood and was married. After marriage Nelson R. Blue and wife began housekeeping on a farm adjoining the one on which David Blue now lives. He owned a farm of one hundred and sixty acres here and made this his home during life. Mr. Blue was a good farmer and a good citizen. He was an advocate of the principles of the Republican party.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson R. Blue six children were born, one of whom died in infancy. They are: J. F. Blue, a farmer in Mad River township; David, Rosa, wife of Wilson Leonard, living in Mad River township; Mary E., widow of Ezra Lutz, Westville; Nancy, deceased, wife of Silas Jenkins.

David Blue was reared and educated in the old home, attending the district schools. He remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age, working on the farm. December 20, 1885, he was married to Ella Gabriel, a daughter of Samuel Gabriel. Mr. and Mrs. David Blue began housekeeping on a farm and this has been his occupation all his life. He bought the

farm which he at present owns. He made the purchase without any means to make a payment, going in debt for the whole amount of purchase. Samuel Deibert endorsed his notes and backed him in getting a start. Mr. Blue made good, clearing the farm mortgage and getting himself free from debt. He has made all the improvements on the farm. He built a comfortable residence in 1904, and a good barn in 1912. The house in which he lives is a modern home of eight rooms, and all conveniences.

Mr. and Mrs. Blue have two children: Edna L., wife of O. C. Bishop, of Springfield, Ohio; Mamie C., at home. Mr. Blue is a Republican in politics and takes an active part in party affairs. He is a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics, of Terre Haute, Ohio.

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### GEORGE W. STEPHAN.

George W. Stephan, a well-known millman and dealer in hardwood lumber at Urbana, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Upper Sandusky, in Wyandot county, son of Henry and Mary (Weingard) Stephan, who were the parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy. Henry Stephan was born in the kingdom of Bavaria and upon coming to this country proceeded on out to Ohio and located at Springfield, where he became employed at his trade, that of a cabinet-maker, and where he married, later moving to Upper Sandusky, but after a sometime residence there returned to Springfield, where he spent the rest of his life and where for thirty years he had charge of the plant of the O. S. Kelly Company. He died in December, 1885.

Upon completing his schooling in the Springfield high school, George W. Stephan entered the factory with his father and after his father's death took the latter's place in the same. For a time he and his brothers, Henry and Charles, were engaged in the lumber business and they then moved to Urbana, where they engaged in the lumber business and later started the Desmond-Stephan Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of injectors, brass goods, emerywheel dressing and certain other supplies of a kindred character. Charles Stephan later sold his stock in the concern and returned to Springfield, where he is now engaged in the manufacturing business, and Henry Stephan died in 1912. Upon coming to Urbana in 1899 George W. Stephan continued his connection with the lumber business and has since been very successfully engaged in that line, operating several mills in this

part of the state, where the hardwood timber is still accessible. He has ever taken an active part in the general business affairs of his home town, is connected with the Citizens National Bank of Urbana, and was for some time engaged in the automobile business there.

George W. Stephan was united in marriage to Mary Miller, of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan have a very pleasant home at Urbana and take a proper part in the general social activities of their home town. Mrs. Stephan is an active member of the Episcopal church and takes an earnest part in the affairs of the local congregation of that church, interested in all local good works. Mr. Stephan is independent in his political views, but takes a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs and is ever helpful in promoting movements having to do with the general advancement of the business interests of the city.

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### FOREST E. JENKINS.

Forest E. Jenkins, subject of this sketch, was born in Jackson township, October 11, 1860, and is living on his farm on rural route number one, Northampton, Ohio. He is a son of Joseph and Abigail (Zirkle) Jenkins.

Joseph Jenkins was born near St. Paris, Jackson township, Ohio, in 1831, and died in 1875. Abigail (Zirkle) Jenkins was born in Mad River township, in 1833, and died in 1915. Joseph Jenkins was one of the early settlers of the township and contributed a large share in the development of the country. He was an honest, upright citizen, a man of influence and highly respected by the people of the community in which he spent his life. Their two living children, Forest and Nettie, live together and they cared for their mother during her widowhood. One child, Edward L., died in 1868, aged two years.

Forest E. Jenkins was born and reared on the farm in Jackson township, and was educated in the district schools of the township. He married Tena Neese, in 1888, who was born in Mad River township, daughter of Elias and Sarah Foltz (both deceased), who lived in Mad River township. She died March 14, 1906, and left no children. They were members of the Lutheran church in which Mr. Jenkins was a deacon for several years. He is a member of Thackery Lodge No. 874, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past noble grand in that order. Nettie Jenkins was a member of the Rebekah lodge, of Thackery, and is past noble grand of the lodge.

In his political affiliation Mr. Jenkins is a Republican. He served on the school board many years.

Forest E. Jenkins and his sister are the owners of two hundred and ninety acres of land. Two hundred and eight acres of this land is the part on which they have their residence. Mr. Jenkins is engaged in general farming and is also a breeder of fine graded stock. He raises French horses, Shropshire sheep and Chester White hogs. The land which he owns is well adapted to this line of industry and profitable returns are realized.

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### JOHN P. GOOD.

A public-spirited, industrious and honored citizen of Salem township, Champaign county, during the generation that has just passed, was the late John P. Good, whose name is deserving of a place in this biographical and historical compendium. He was born in the above named county, October 14, 1859. He is a son of Jonas and Julia Good, early settlers in this section of Ohio, establishing the family home on a farm, and there the subject of this memoir grew to manhood and assisted with the general work on the place during the crop season. In the winter time he attended the district schools.

John P. Good continued working with his father on the homestead until his marriage, February 29, 1888, to Eveline Kavenaugh, of Salem township, this county, where she was reared and educated in the common schools. She is a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Hauger) Kavenaugh, the mother a native of Virginia and the father of Champaign county. Mr. Kavenaugh's parents were born in Ireland, his father, Matthew Kavenaugh, immigrating from that country to America when a young man, before his marriage, and settled in Champaign county, on a farm, among the early settlers. His family consisted of six children, namely: John, Francis, James, William, Samuel (father of Mrs. Good), and Anna. Peter Hauger, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Good, married Susan Groves. He was a native of Virginia, from which state he came to Champaign county, many years ago, and here he still resides. His wife was born in Holland. Ten children were born to Peter Hauger and wife, namely: Fred, Adam, Peter, Jr., David, James, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Susan and Eveline.

To Samuel and Margaret Kavenaugh the following children were born: Lizzie, the wife of Hezekiah Miller, and they reside in Illinois; Matthew, who



lives in Union county, Ohio; Mary Jane married James Blaycock and they live near West Liberty, Ohio; Eveline, widow of Mr. Good, of this sketch; Myra and Marjorie are twins; Myra is single and lives on the home place; Marjorie is the wife of Jerry Shelton and they live in Springfield, Ohio; Annie is the wife of Robert Sidder and they live in Salem township, Champaign county, and William makes his home with his sister, Mrs. Good.

After his marriage John P. Good located on the old Kavanaugh farm in Salem township, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising until his death. He took a good deal of interest in public affairs and was influential in the general upbuilding of his community. He was a stanch Democrat and served for some time as a member of the local school board. Fraternally, he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at West Liberty; he held membership in the Christian church and took an abiding interest in the affairs of the same.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Good resulted in the birth of one child, John Denton Good, who farms the home place; he married Lela Fidler, of Quincy, Ohio, and they have one child, John Franklin Good. The death of John P. Good occurred on March 26, 1915. He was good to his family, a good neighbor and citizen and had a host of friends.

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### WILLIAM T. MILLARD.

Among the farmers of Salem township, Champaign county, who believe in employing advanced methods of tilling the soil, so far as they apply to this latitude, is William T. Millard. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1877. He is a son of Thomas and Ivy (Johnson) Millard. The mother was born in Champaign county, Ohio, and the father was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood and attended school, and from there he migrated to Champaign county, in the latter seventies. He worked at different places, principally at Urbana. His death occurred in 1905. His family consisted of seven children, named as follows: Robert and Lizzie, who both live in Springfield, Ohio; Henry, in Warren county, Ohio; Ella, Lou and Nettie, all three reside in Springfield, this state, and William T., of this sketch, who was third in order of birth.

William T. Millard was a small child when his parents brought him to Champaign county, and here he grew to manhood and received his educa-

tion in the Urbana public schools, but he left school when only eleven years old and began to work out at whatever he could find to do and until he was twenty years old he followed various occupations. At that age he married Nora McGuire, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Shafer) McGuire, who lived on a farm in Champaign county. The father is now deceased, but the mother makes her home in Salem township. They were parents of nine children, namely: Sallie, living at home in Salem township; Nora, wife of Mr. Millard, of this sketch; James, in Los Angeles, California; Lessie, in Kennard, Champaign county; Maggie, in Dayton, Ohio; Lizzie, who makes her home at Urbana, and Nicholas, Ollie and Theresa, all three reside in Salem township. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Millard, named as follows: Harley, Blanche, Edna and Edgar are twins, and Glenna.

After his marriage Mr. Millard lived in Springfield, Ohio, for about four years, where he was employed at the Kelly foundry. He then engaged in farming in Harrison township, Champaign county, for about nine years. Since 1910 he has resided at Lippencott, farming a two-hundred-acre place and he has made a success as a general farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Millard votes independently—for the best man. He has never aspired to office for himself.

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### JOSEPH B. SMITH.

Joseph B. Smith, an honored veteran of the Civil War, and a well-known farmer and substantial citizen of Johnson township, living on his well-improved farm of twenty-five acres located on rural route No. 4 out of St. Paris, was born in Page county, Virginia, June 15, 1845, the son of James and Catherine (Deeds) Smith, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion State, and who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketches of their sons, Henry and George Smith.

Joseph B. Smith was the fifth child in order of birth born to his parents, and was but a small boy when brought to Champaign county, Ohio, by his parents, who emigrated in 1857 from Virginia to this state. He received his education in the district schools of Johnson township, and grew to manhood here. Following the example of his two brothers, he enlisted for service in the Union army on October 21, 1863, when he joined Company C, Twelfth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He saw much hard service and was twice wounded, receiving a shot in the right limb, and also receiving severe blow over the head from

a revolver. After the close of the war he returned to Johnson township, this county, after being mustered out on November 14, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee, and engaged in farming, in which vocation he has continued since that time. He has an attractive little place of twenty-five acres near the village of Millerstown, where he is very comfortably located.

Soon after his return from the army at the close of the Civil War, Joseph B. Smith was united in marriage to Eliza Jane Nicholas, and to this union five children were born, namely Cary, of Quincy, Ohio; Laura, the wife of David Moody, of Urbana; Nevada, unmarried, the youngest daughter living, and Wilber, who married Hazel Applegate, and George L., living at home with his father. The mother of these children died, January 26, 1912. The family are earnest and devoted members of the Baptist church, in which they take an active and warm interest. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and while taking a good citizenship's interest in the civic affairs of his community, yet is not active in political affairs. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 111, St. Paris, Ohio.

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### WILLIAM N. NEESE.

William N. Neese, a farmer living on rural route number four, Urbana, Ohio, was born in Auglaize county, Ohio, February 9, 1858, a son of Josiah and Mary A. (Weaver) Neese. The father was born in Rockingham, Virginia, July 21, 1829. He was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bowman) Neese.

Jacob Neese was married in Virginia and came with his family to Ohio. He found a location in the south part of Mad River township, and made that his home for a number of years. Then he sold that farm and bought a farm which William Deibert now owns, and there they spent the remainder of their days. He was the father of ten children: Josiah, Josephus, John, Johanna, Jorem B., Jerome, Jacob, Jeremiah, Jesse, Sarah. Three of these are now living: Jorem, Jesse and Jeremiah.

Josiah Neese, father of our subject was a carpenter by trade. He married Mary A. Weaver, November 27, 1855. She was born near Terre Haute, Ohio, January 13, 1835, a daughter of William and Rebecca Weaver. She was reared on the farm and after marriage lived for a time in Mad River township, then removed to Auglaize county, Ohio. They lived there until 1864, when they returned to this county and settled in Mad River town-

ship, where they spent the rest of their days. They were the parents of two children: William N., our subject; James A., who is a farmer and agent for a fertilizer company.

William N. Neese was reared on a farm and received his education in the district schools, in which he qualified himself for teaching. He began teaching, October 4, 1877, and continued in that business until April 21, 1916, a period of more than thirty-nine years. He taught nineteen years in Mad River township, seventeen years in Urbana township, and three years in Jackson township, all in Champaign county. With the many changes and innovations in methods of teaching during this period it goes without saying, that, in order for a teacher to keep abreast of the times and meet the requirements of the modern educational methods, it must be necessary to continually apply himself to a study of the new methods. This Mr. Neese did, by attending the normal school at Ada, Ohio, in 1881 and 1883, and by study and attention to all other educational advantages. He has always been active in educational matters and ardently devoted to the cause.

Mr. and Mother Neese are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Terre Haute, Ohio, and active workers in the church. He is a member of the St. Paris Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a past grand in that order. He is also a member of Pharos Lodge No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons, and St. Paris Chapter No. 132, Royal Arch Masons; Urbana Council No. 59, R. and S. M., and Raper Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, at Urbana, Ohio. He is a Republican in politics.

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### DAVID R. KIMBALL.

David R. Kimball, of Woodstock, well-known and substantial farmer and banker, proprietor of beautiful "Maple Hill Farm," two miles or more south of Woodstock, in Rush township; former president of the Woodstock Bank and, since the organization of the Peoples Bank of Woodstock, president of that latter institution, former member of the Champaign county council and for years actively identified with the affairs of his home county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all of his life. He was born on a farm in Rush township, July 2, 1848, son of Truman M. and Mary Jane (Tullington) Kimball, the former a native of the state of Vermont and the latter, of this state.

Truman M. Kimball was born at Stowe, Vermont, April 1, 1803, and was but a child when his parents, Ira Kimball and wife, came to Ohio and settled in this county, making their home on a farm in the neighborhood of Woodstock, in Rush township. There Truman M. Kimball grew to manhood and became a large landowner, substantial farmer and man of affairs. He was a Republican and for some years served as trustee of his home township, doing much to develop the general interests of the same and being helpful in many ways in advancing the common welfare in the eastern part of the county. In addition to his general farming, he was widely known as a stockman and did very well in his operations, for years being regarded as one of the most substantial citizens in that part of the county. His death occurred on December 19, 1894.

Truman M. Kimball was twice married. His first wife, who was Mary Jane Tullington and who was born in Madison county, this state, June 18, 1813, died on February 27, 1858. To that union twelve children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Claretta A., born on November 24, 1835, who married John McIlroy and died on July 20, 1868; Harriet E., January 29, 1837, who married William Ellsworth and died in 1915; Lucy R., October 13, 1838, who married Erastus Guy and is now deceased; Truman M., Jr., August 28, 1840, who died in his youth; Susan, February 11, 1842, who is now living at Irwin, in the neighboring county of Union, widow of James McIlroy; Martha J., May 15, 1843, now deceased, who married David Chatfield and after his death married Thomas McCarthy; Marcia M., August 11, 1845, now living at Woodstock, widow of George Lincoln; Samuel P., September 6, 1850, now living near Salem, Oregon, where he has a large fruit orchard; Jefferson F., October 6, 1852, a retired farmer and banker, now living at Mechanicsburg, this county; Charles P., February 6, 1855, who married Grace Cushman and is engaged in the hardware business at Woodstock, and James G., February 13, 1858, who died on August 10, 1858. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Kimball married Mary Jane Hunter, whose last days were spent in Kansas, and to that union two children were born, Rometta, who married Gail Howard and now lives at Colorado Springs, Colorado, and William C., who married Lucy Marsh and is now living at Woodstock, a retired farmer.

Reared on the home farm in Rush township, David R. Kimball received his early schooling in the schools of that township and supplemented the same by a course in Oberlin College. After his marriage he established his home



on beautiful "Maple Hill Farm", two and one-half miles south of Woodstock and there became extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising, coming to be regarded as one of the most progressive and substantial farmers in the eastern part of the county. On that farm Mr. Kimball made his home until 1907, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Woodstock, where he built his present handsome residence and where he since has made his home. Even before leaving the farm Mr. Kimball had long been giving his active attention to the general business affairs of the community and was the president of the old Woodstock Bank of Woodstock. In 1906, the year before his removal to the village, he became one of the organizers of the Peoples Bank of Woodstock and was elected president of the same, which position he since has occupied, and in that same year erected the substantial building in which the bank has since been housed. In other ways he has also done much for the growth and development of his home town and has long been regarded as one of the leading men of affairs of that pleasant and flourishing village. Mr. Kimball is a Republican and for six years served as a member of the county council, during that incumbency giving the affairs of the county his most earnest and thoughtful attention.

Mr. Kimball has been thrice married. On October 8, 1875, he was united in marriage to May Smith, of Woodstock, daughter of Courtland Smith, for years postmaster of that village, a shoemaker by vocation, whose last days were spent at Milford, and to that union two children were born, Fannie Fern, who married Dr. John Hathaway, of Mechanicsburg, and has one child, a son, John, and Mabel Fawn, wife of Dr. W. H. Sharp, of Woodstock, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. The mother of these children died on May 4, 1888, and on May 10, 1889, Mr. Kimball married Mary Hathaway, of Union county, who died in 1906, after which he married Huldah Putnam, of Washington county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball have a very pleasant home at Woodstock and take an interested part in the general social activities of their home town, helpful in promoting all proper causes there and throughout the county at large. Mrs. Kimball is a member of the Universalist church and is a teacher in the Sunday school of the same. Mr. Kimball is a Knight Templar and a Royal Arch Mason and takes much interest in Masonic affairs. He was made a Mason in the local lodge at Mechanicsburg many years ago and is connected with the local chapter of the Royal Arch Masons at Urbana and with the commandery of Knights Templar in that city.



## THE MAST FAMILY.

There are few families in Champaign county who have had a weightier influence upon the affairs of this county or who are more widely represented than the Mast family, the numerous progeny of the pioneer, John Mast, who settled here in 1830, now forming one of the most extensive connections in this part of the state. In his old home over in that sterling old Mennonite community in Berks county, Pennsylvania, John Mast had been a farmer and school teacher. There he married and six or seven years later, in 1830, moved with his family over into Ohio and settled in Champaign county, buying here a quarter of a section of good farm land at ten dollars an acre. He had little money to invest in his land and in the necessary live stock and farming implements, and soon found himself in a financial struggle, as the markets for his farm products gave no large returns. The means of transportation in those days also were so unsatisfactory as to prove a further discouraging feature of pioneer living, and he had to haul his wheat over the mud roads to Dayton, where he received but thirty-three cents a bushel for the same. But as the country became more thickly settled, the land began to increase in value and the farmer was given better prices for his products, the gradually improving roads also affording better facilities for transportation. John Mast was not only a good farmer, but an excellent business man, and he soon began to clear off his debts and it was not long until he came to be recognized as one of the leading farmers in Champaign county, as well as one of the foremost factors in the work of developing the community in which he had settled. He took an active part in the affairs of both church and state and established a family which has ever been noted for fidelity to the true principles of community life hereabout. In 1865 John Mast retired from his farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he divided among his children.

The Mast family in America is descended from Bishop Jacob Mast, a leader in the Mennonite church, a Swiss by birth, who was born in 1738 and who was early orphaned. While he was still in his boyhood he came to this country from Switzerland with his four sisters and a younger brother, John, the children being in the care of their benevolent uncle, Johannes Mast, and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania, where the family is still influentially represented. It was on November 3, 1750, that the party landed from the ship, "Brotherhood," at the port of Philadelphia, young Jacob Mast being then twelve years of age. They joined the Amish Mennonites in

Berks county and there the lad grew to manhood, firmly grounded in the simple faith of his father and of his daily associates. There he married Magdalene Holly and there he established his home, the warrant giving him title to his tract of one hundred and seventy acres of land in Carnarvon township, that county, bearing date of November 19, 1764. There he erected a comfortable log house, "close to a lusty spring which flows directly from a stratum of limeless sandstone," and there he spent the remainder of his life, diligent in all good works and a faithful servant in the Lord to the people whom he had been elected in 1788 to serve as bishop, ever "sound, hopeful and trustful in religious convictions, which had fitted him admirably for his vocation." Bishop Mast died in 1808 and "his neighbors carried his body out of his old home and buried it in a quiet spot on the broad acres he had tended and loved." His grave is marked with a carved sandstone bearing inscription near the northwest corner of the wall of what is known as Pine Grove cemetery. His widow survived him until October 26, 1820, she then being eighty years of age, and is buried at his side.

Bishop Jacob Mast and his wife, Magdalene Holly, were the parents of twelve children, of whom it is related that they "had strong constitutions and in general had good health and led temperate, moral, honest Christian lives and imparted these same good qualities to their children and grandchildren, for which give God the glory. During their childhood days they were commanded before retiring at night to all repeat our Lord's Prayer in concert." These children were as follow: John Mast, who married Mary Kurtz; Magdalena, who married Christian Zook; Barbara, who married John Hochstetler and after his death, John Zuck. Jacob Mast, who married Barbara Kenage and was the father of John Mast, the Champaign county pioneer; David Mast, who married Mary Kurtz; Mary, who married John Coffman; Nancy, who married Adam Kurtz; Fannie, who married John Zuck; Elizabeth, who married Christian Holly; Christian Mast, who married Susan Kurtz; Esther, who married Christian Zuck and after his death, Peter Holly, and Daniel Mast, who married Charity Zook and after her death, Catherine Kurtz and after the death of the latter, Mary Morgan.

Jacob Mast, second son and fourth child of the Bishop whose name he bore, was born in 1768 and died in 1852 with infirmities incident to old age, at his home, known as the Petershime farm, north of the old Conestoga Tavern, in Carnarvon township, Berks county, Pennsylvania. His early training was along agricultural lines and he devoted himself all his life to the cultivation of farms in the Conestoga valley, "his sterling integrity, good

sense and unostentatious sincerity of purpose winning for himself a high place in the esteem of the people," and he was frequently called upon to fill positions of honor and trust. On April 22, 1792, Jacob Mast was united in marriage to Barbara Kenage, daughter of John and Dorothy (Nafzger) Kenage, the latter of whom was a daughter of Matthias Nafzger, a native of Switzerland, and to that union eight children were born, of whom John Mast, the Champaign county pioneer, was the first-born, the others being as follow: Joseph, who married Frances Plank and after her death married Phoebe Ann Plank; Elizabeth, who married John Zuck; Mary, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-seven years; Jacob K., who married Fanny Gehman; Isaac, who married Ann Gehman; and Leah, who married the Rev. George Hunter.

John Mast, grandson of the Bishop and eldest son of Jacob Mast, was born in Carnarvon township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1793, and became a farmer and school teacher in that county. There on December 4, 1823, he married Elizabeth Trego, who was born in Chester county, that same state, January 26, 1804, daughter of Eli and Mary Trego, and continued to make his home in Berks county until 1830, when, as noted above, he came to Ohio and became a permanent resident of Champaign county, his death occurring at his home in Salem township on March 7, 1881. For forty-three years he was a member of the board of education, was a class leader in the Methodist Episcopal church for fifty-four years and for forty-eight years a steward and a member of the board of trustees of the same. His wife had preceded him to the grave something more than a year, her death having occurred on January 25, 1880. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Phineas Price, Miriam B., Isaac Wesley, Anna Keemer, Elizabeth F., Joseph Kenage, John Emory and Ephraim Milton.

P. P. Mast, former mayor of Springfield, this state, and for years one of the most prominent manufacturers and business men in that city, died at his home there on November 20, 1898. He was the owner of much valuable land in Springfield, besides more than three thousand acres of land in Trego county, Kansas, an equal acreage in the peach belt of Georgia and the great Bandarita ranch in Mariposa county, California. He married Anna Maria Kirkpatrick, of Galesburg, Illinois, who died in April, 1895, without issue.

Miriam B. Mast died on March 20, 1885, unmarried.

Isaac Wesley Mast, an honored veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in Salem township, on March 14, 1882. He was twice married, by his first wife, Laura A. Smith, having had one child, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, who married George H. Frey, of Springfield, and has three sons.

Harrison, John and Philip. By his second wife, Anne Keating Smith, he had three children, Anna Maggie, deceased; Elizabeth, who married Francis Butler Loomis, of Marietta, this state, former United States minister to Venezuela, and later to Portugal, now living at Springfield, and had three children, of whom but one, Francis Butler, now survives, and Florence, who married Charles Kilgore Rogers, of Springfield and died in that city in 1901, leaving one child, a son, Richard Harrison, who died in the year following.

Anna Keemer Mast married Alexander J. Stewart, a veteran of the Civil War, and both she and her husband spent their last days at Erie, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of five children, none of whom are now living.

Elizabeth F. Mast, now living at Los Angeles, California, is the widow of John R. Lemen, whom she married in this county and who died in South Bend, Indiana, in 1892, leaving two children, Eva Florence, who married Ezra E. Clark, a teacher of art at DePauw University, and has one child, a son, Donald, and Edward Grant, now a manufacturer and traveling salesman at Chicago, who married Daisy B. Morse.

Joseph Kenage Mast, who is still living in this county, was a farmer in Salem township until his retirement from the farm in 1910, since which time he has been making his home among his children, he now being in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He has been twice married, his first wife, Catherine Eichholtz, of Urbana, dying in August, 1883, after which he married Josephine Anderson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. My that first marriage seven children were born, namely: John Wesley, who was killed when nine years of age by a fall from a horse; Charles Henry, a farmer of this county, who married Mary L. Swisher and has three children, Paul Harvey, Avise Tabitha and Adrah Mary Louise; Joseph Frank, a farmer of Salem township and a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, who married Malinda Instine, of Urbana, and has two sons, Burleigh Frank and Harry Wright; Emma, who married John Milton Strasser, of Urbana, now living at LaGrange, Illinois and has five children, Roland John, Marie Jeanette, Ethelyn Beatrice, Florence Louise and Joseph Mast; Elizabeth, who married Clark A. McInturff, of Urbana, now living in New York City, and has one child, a son, Joseph Mast; Cicero Phineas, a soldier during the Spanish-American War, now a grocer at Dayton, who married Caroline Schroeder, of that city, and Ivy, wife of the Rev. J. Ernest Balmer, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, stationed at Williamstown, Michigan.

John Emory Mast, a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, is still living in this county, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Salem township. He married Minerva J. Stonebraker, of King's Creek, and has eleven children.

Ephraim Milton Mast, an honored veteran of the Civil War, a member of Company M, First Ohio Light Artillery, died at the home of his son, John C. Mast, in Urbana, on April 7, 1910, at the age of sixty-eight years. He left this county in the fall of 1869 and had afterward lived in Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, and was a well-to-farmer. He married in 1866 Sallie J. Brown, of Urbana, and was the father of four sons, namely: Edgar Leroy, who married Sarah Angeline Runkle, of St. Paris, this county, and has one child, a daughter, Cora Emma; John Clinton, who married Sarah Augusta Klickow, of Urbana; Charles Clinton, now living in Florida, who married Nellie Blanche Neer, of Westville, this county, and Alfred Phineas, who married Arvesta Foltz, of this county, and has two sons, Roland and Homer.

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### SAMUEL B. WHITMORE.

Samuel B. Whitmore, a farmer living on route nine, Urbana, and route five, St. Paris, Ohio, two miles west of Westville, Ohio, was born on the farm that was entered by his great-grandfather, John Whitmore. He was born in Virginia and came to Ohio in an early day and entered three hundred and twenty acres of land all heavily timbered. He cleared off a little space on which he built a cabin and then began the work of cutting off the timber and getting enough ground in shape for cultivation and raise a crop. This meant an immense amount of labor but it was an experience common to all pioneer settlers. In time he had considerable ground under cultivation and had a comfortable house in which to live. He built a barn on the farm and this barn is still standing. He had three sons and one daughter, Jacob, David, John and Mary. Jacob married Catherine Zimmerman, and their children were, Barbara, Sarah, Elizabeth and Simon. Simon married Elizabeth Wiant and they had five children: Sylvia, wife of Ross Wiant; Minnie, wife of D. S. Seibert; Samuel B., Dottie, wife of William Gumpert; Harry D., a farmer in this township.

Simon Whitmore settled down on the farm on which he was born. He received his education in the common schools and worked on the farm. He became the owner of one hundred and ninety-seven acres of land which



he cultivated and improved. He was an active member of the Baptist church at Myrtle Tree.

Samuel B. Whitmore was reared on the old home farm and received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. On December 28, 1898, he was married to Ora E. Neff, who was born in Mad River township and educated in the schools of the vicinity of her home. The children born to this union were: S. Joe, born October 13, 1899, graduate of the common schools; Mary C., born in 1910; Lulu died at the age of four years, and one child died in infancy.

Mr. Whitmore is a charter member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

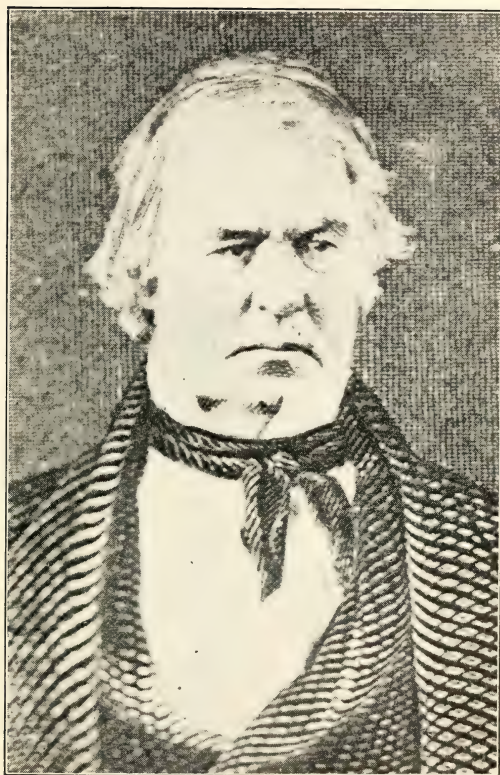
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### GOV. JOSEPH VANCE.

Ever since the period of the incumbency of Gov. Joseph Vance in the chair of the chief executive of the great state of Ohio in the latter thirties the people of Champaign county have been justly proud of the fact that this county has furnished to the state a governor, and it is but proper and fitting that in a collection of biographies relating to the persons who have done well their part in the work of developing this county, mention here should be made of this distinguished figure in the civic life of the state and prominent factor in the pioneer life of Champaign county.

The Hon. Joseph Vance, a captain of militia during the time of the War of 1812, for years a legislator from this district, governor of the state during the gubernatorial period of 1837-39, member of Congress from this district for eight terms and a member of the state constitutional convention of 1851, was a native of Pennsylvania and a later resident of Kentucky, but had been a resident of Ohio since territorial days, having come here in 1801, and of Champaign county since the year in which the county was organized as a civic unit, he thus having been one of the real pioneers of this county. He was born in the old Indian town of "Catfish", now the city of Washington, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1786, a son of Joseph C. and Sarah (Wilson) Vance, natives of Virginia, the former of whom was a soldier of the patriot army during the war for independence, and who later moved to Kentucky, coming thence up into the then territory of Ohio and, after a sometime residence in the region now comprised in Greene county, came up into this sec-





JOSEPH VANCE  
Thirteenth Governor of Ohio.



tion and became one of the organizers of Champaign county, spending here the rest of his life, one of the most influential pioneers of this county.

Joseph C. Vance was the youngest of a large family of children born to his parents in Virginia and in the Old Dominion grew to maturity. His father, a native of Ireland, of Scottish ancestry, had come to the colonies with a considerable number of Presbyterians, emigrating from Ireland with a view to setting up homes in the new land across the water, and by the time of the breaking out of the Revolutionary War had his home well established in Virginia. Joseph C. Vance was old enough to render service in that struggle for independence and served throughout the war as a member of Saul Vail's company with the famous rifle regiment of General Morgan. In 1781, the year the war closed, he married Sarah Wilson, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and straightway he and his bride started to what then was practically an unknown West, with a view to setting up their home amid pioneer conditions, the great western county of Virginia, Kentucky, being their objective point. When they reached a point in the immediate vicinity of the old Indian village of "Catfish", now the city of Washington, Pennsylvania, they made a temporary home and there remained for several years, during which time, in the spring of 1786, in that little village, was born their son, Joseph, who later was to become governor of the state of Ohio. Two years later, in 1788, Joseph C. Vance loaded his little family and his few belongings on a raft and floated down the river to a point now known as Vanceburg, where he built a house and established his home in the wilderness, becoming the founder of the Vanceburg settlement. A few years later he concluded to penetrate farther into the wilderness and again started down the river, his family and goods on a flat-boat, and stopped on the Kentucky side, a few miles above Mays Lick, where he established his home and where he developed a good farm. There, among the Indians and amid conditions typical of a frontier settlement, the future governor of Ohio grew to manhood, becoming a sturdy and vigorous man, inured to all the hardships and privations common to the pioneers of that place and period. With a capacity for work and a willingness to perform the hardest kind of manual labor, he developed his body by toil in the fields and his mind by close application to the few books that he could command as he sat about the fireside during the long winter evenings. In 1801 Joseph C. Vance again decided to move on, his true pioneering instinct leading him again to face the wilderness, and he came with his family across the river and up into the then territory of Ohio, settling in the region now comprised within the confines of Greene county. Four years later he "pulled up stakes" there and came up

into this section, thus being here when Champaign county was organized in that same year. The Vance family settled at Urbana, which had just a short time before been laid out, and when it came time to establish a county seat the father of the future governor was one of the men instrumental in having the local seat of government located at that place. Joseph C. Vance was a man of much force of character, possessing a vigorous personality, and his pioneer neighbors turned to him instinctively as a director of affairs, he thus becoming the first director of the county. He also was elected first clerk of the county and first recorder, and continued active in local civic affairs until his death, on August 5, 1809.

Joseph Vance was eighteen or nineteen years of age when he came to this county with his father and he was one of the first young men in the new county to apply for a license to marry, the faded old record of marriage licenses in the court house showing that on December 17, 1807, he was united in marriage to Mary Lemon, the record disclosing that the ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Thomas. Before the War of 1812 began young Vance had been elected captain of a company of local militia and his company was called out on several occasions prior to the actual opening of hostilities in order to quell incipient Indian uprising. Some time prior to 1812 he and his company erected a blockhouse up in Logan county, near the Quincy, which was long known as Vance's blockhouse. In the fall of 1812 Joseph Vance, who meanwhile had been growing greatly in favor among his pioneer neighbors, was elected to represent this district in the state Legislature and served as a member of the lower house during the eleventh and twelfth sessions (1812-13). In the fall of 1815 he again was elected to the Legislature and served through the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions, his last service in the lower house being rendered during the eighteenth session, 1819. In the succeeding election, 1820, he was elected to represent this district in the Congress and by successive re-elections served in that body from March 4, 1821, to March 4, 1833, six terms, during which period of service he became one of the best-known members of the Ohio delegation in the national House of Representatives and a man of much influence in that legislative body. In the fall of 1836 he was elected governor of Ohio and thus served as chief executive of the state during the years 1837-39. In the fall of the year following his retirement from the governor's office, Governor Vance was elected to represent this district in the state Senate and served in that body during the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions (1840-41). He then was re-elected a member of Congress from this district and returned to Washington, serving two terms (1843-47), at the end of which time he retired

to private life, with the avowed intention never again to allow his name to be proposed for public office. However, when the constitutional convention of 1851 was called, Governor Vance was found as one of the leading members of that historic body and it was while in the active performance of his duties as a member of that convention that he was suddenly stricken with paralysis and was compelled to relinquish his duties. He never recovered from the stroke and died on his farm, two and one-half miles north of Urbana, less than a year later, August 24, 1852, he then being in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

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### CLINTON A. NEESE.

Clinton A. Neese, engineer of the Thackery Creamery Company, was born in Mad River township, July 26, 1875. He is a son of Reuben B. and Laura (Weaver) Neese. Reuben B. Neese was born in Mad River township, a son of Elias and Sarah (Foltz) Neese.

The Neese family were natives of Virginia and came to Ohio at an early day. They were among the early settlers of Champaign county. Laura Weaver Neese, mother of our subject, was born in Mad River township, the daughter of W. E. and Elizabeth (Leonard) Weaver. The Leonards were also of old Virginia stock. The father and mother of our subject were both reared in Mad River township. After marriage they settled near Terre Haute and he was engaged in work at the carpenter trade for about forty years. They are now living in the village of Thackery. They had six children, all of whom are still living. They are: Clarence, Thackery, Ohio; Clinton A.; Elliott S., Seattle, Washington; Warden O., Hobart, Washington; Thaddeus K., Seattle, Washington; Mabel, wife of William Hecker, Mad River township.

Clinton A. Neese was reared to manhood in Mad River township. At the age of sixteen years he went to Arkansas, where he was employed for two years working on the farm for John W. Weaver. Then he went to Birmingham, Alabama, where he remained for one year; then to Dallas, Texas, for four months. He then went to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where he was employed for sometime as hoisting engineer, and in the machine shops at that place. In 1900 he returned to Champaign county, Ohio, where he was employed by McMorran Brothers working in grain elevators for fifteen years. Then he was with the Furnas Ice Cream Company, at St. Paris, Ohio, for one year. In 1916 he came to this place and was made engineer

of the Thackery Creamery Company, and has been thus employed since that time.

On September 4, 1903, Clinton A. Neese and Lottie B. Faulkner were united in marriage. She is a daughter of George W. Faulkner. Further mention is made of the Faulkner family in another place in this work. Mr. Neese is a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics, of Terre Haute, and is a Republican in politics. Mrs. Neese is a member of the Lutheran church at Thackery.

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### WILLIAM J. CARSON.

William J. Carson, an enterprising farmer and stock raiser of Salem township, Champaign county, was born in Ross county, Ohio, April 9, 1851. He is a son of William and Martha (Bradford) Carson, both natives of Ohio, he of Ross county and she of Montgomery county. The father grew to manhood and was married in his native county, and there he owned a farm, which he operated until 1854, when he came to Champaign county, locating in Urbana township, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid thirty dollars per acre. His means were very limited when he started out in life, but by perseverance and good management he prospered and at one time owned four hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land here, carrying on farming on an extensive scale. He was also one of the leading stock raisers of his locality. He was a leader in public and church affairs in Urbana township, being an active worker in the Presbyterian church. He continued to operate his farm here until 1891, when he retired from active life and moved to Urbana, where his death occurred in 1903, at the advanced age of ninety years. He was born in 1813. His wife was born in 1825 and died in 1896. To these parents four children were born, namely: William J., of this review; Robert, deceased; James, also deceased, and Anna, who is living in Urbana.

William J. Carson grew to manhood on the home farm, and he received his education in the rural schools of Urbana township. He remained on the home place, farming with his father until 1881, when he was married and moved to Salem township, locating on one of his father's farms, the same place he now lives on, which place reverted to him upon the death of his father. He has kept the land well improved and well cultivated. He has an attractive home and numerous convenient outbuildings. His holdings embrace three hundred and forty-five acres and is one of the most success-



ful farmers and stock raisers in his township. He feeds large numbers of cattle and hogs annually for the market.

Mr. Carson was married in February, 1881, to Ida Pence, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Dugan) Pence, natives of Urbana township, Champaign county, and lived and died there. Mrs Carson was born in Urbana township on her father's farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Carson eight children have been born, namely: Nellie lives in Columbus, Ohio; Mabel, who married Fred Pearce, has one child, Betsy; Alice married Earl Beatley, lives in Columbus, Ohio, and has one child, Charles; Grace is the wife of Golden Dagger; they live in Columbus, Ohio, connected with the Ohio State University agricultural extension department; Jeanette is the wife of Ray Wilbur Vorhis; Beatrice lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John is single and lives on the farm with his parents; Marcella is at home, attending high school. These children were all given excellent educational advantages and are all graduates of the local high school.

Politically, Mr. Carson is a Republican. He served as a member of the school board in his district for ten years. He belongs to the Grange in Salem township, and the United Presbyterian church at Bellefontaine, Ohio. His wife and children belong to the Baptist church at Kingston.

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### SAMUEL J. C. BATES.

Another of the successful tillers of the soil in Salem township, who has been content to spend his life in Champaign county, is Samuel J. C. Bates, who was born on the old Captain Thomas farm here, September 13, 1862. He is a son of William W. and Selinda (Kenton) Bates. The father was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and when a young man he came with his mother to Champaign county, where he subsequently married and settled on a farm in Concord township, where he lived a few years. In 1857 he settled in Salem township on the James Kenton farm where his son, the subject of this sketch, now lives, Mr. Kenton having been the latter's grandfather. James Kenton built the brick house on this place in 1840, burning all the brick for the same himself. He also built the barn in 1847, for which he got all the timber off his own farm. William W. Bates and wife spent their lives on the farm, his death occurring in 1871 at the age of fifty-two, his widow surviving until March 18, 1897, dying at the age of seventy. In early life William W. Bates was a miller and operated the

Vance mill for some time. He was first a Whig and later a Republican. His wife was a member of the Baptist church at Kings Creek. They were well known and highly respected in their community. Eight children were born to them named as follows: Mary, who died in 1868, married M. V. Patten and they located in Montgomery county, Ohio; Duncan died when young in years; Janie also died in early life; James K. died in 1887; Benjamin died in 1888; Samuel J. C., of this sketch; Gustaf lives in Spring Hill, Ohio; Lucy is single and makes her home with the subject of this review.

Samuel J. C. Bates grew up on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work when a boy, and he received his education in the district schools. He has always remained on the home farm, which he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation, rotating his crops and carrying on diversified farming in such a manner that the soil has retained its original fertility. He has never married, neither has his sister, Lucy, who has also remained at the old home and keeps house for him. They are both members of the Baptist church at Urbana, and politically, he is a Republican, but he has never been active in public affairs nor aspired to political office.

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#### FRANK HOWELL BRINEY.

One of the enterprising farmers of Rush township, Champaign county, is Frank Howell Briney, who was born near Yellow Springs, Clark county, Ohio, in September, 1851. He is a son of Mark DeMoss Briney, a native of Warren county, Ohio. His grandfather was pilot on the Ohio river. Mark D. Briney grew up in his native county and married Amanda E. Ebersole, who was born in Springfield, Ohio. Her people came to America from Holland. The Ebersole family located in Clark county, Ohio, and there the parents of Mrs. Mark D. Briney spent the rest of their lives, the father dying at the age of sixty-five and the mother at the age of seventy years. Mr. Briney was a preacher in the Christian church for many years in Champaign and Clark counties. He was also a school teacher and farmer. He was first a Whig, later a Republican. Mr. Briney moved to Champaign county in 1854.

To Mark D. Briney and wife the following children were born: John K., who was a soldier in the Civil War, was killed at Port Republic in 1862, while a private in Company A, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Emily married John E. Emmons, and they both died in Pennsylvania; Jennie is

the widow of Charles Emmons and she resides in Cleveland, Ohio; Horace died when young; Mary is single and lives at Kirkwood, Missouri; Frank H., of this sketch; Sallie is single and lives in Cleveland; Rose, deceased, was the wife of Leroy M. Reed; Florence died in early life; Charles died single, and Mark also died single.

Frank H. Briney grew up on the farm and he attended the Black school in Rush township. He lived at home until his marriage, September 7, 1880, to Clara Belle Smith, who was born in Clinton, Dewitt county, Iowa. She is a daughter of Rozalvo and Betsy (Cranston) Smith, both natives of Rush township, Champaign county, Ohio. Rozalvo Smith was a son of Dexter Smith and wife, natives of Vermont, from which state they came to Champaign county, in pioneer days, locating at Woodstock on a farm, where they spent the rest of their lives. Mrs. Clara Belle Briney was their only child. Rozalvo Smith was a soldier in the Civil War, belonging to the Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Smith married a second time, his second wife being Elizabeth Hewett, and four children were born to their union, namely: Elmer M., who lives in Chicago; Ulla Dell, of Rockport, Illinois, and Nora and Mattie, deceased.

Five children have been born to Frank H. Briney and wife, namely: Horace B., died in infancy; H. Clifford received a good education in the Woodstock schools and is a graduate of Ohio State University, and he is now in New York City with the George Battin Advertising Company; he married Catherine Stone; Mabel C., who is at home, was educated at Woodstock and the University of Urbana, and a graduate of Miami University, and she is now principal of the Woodstock schools; F. DeWitt, who was educated in the home schools, also the high school at Pendleton, Oregon, now lives in that town; Leroy, who is now assisting his father on the home farm, was educated in the local schools, the schools of Columbus, Oberlin College, and the College of New York City.

Frank H. Briney has always lived on the old home place, which he has kept well improved and well cultivated. He has been successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He keeps Jersey cattle and does a dairy business; also handles Percheron horses and Duroc-Jersey hogs. Politically, he is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Christian church at Woodstock, Ohio, and they are active in church work. Both were superintendents of the Sunday school. He was county organizer for Sunday schools for five years. His wife has driven over four thousand miles in her Sunday school work. One or the other of them has been vice-president of the County and president of the township Sunday School Associations for over twenty-

five years. He has been clerk and deacon in the church, also held other offices in the same. Mrs. Briney is descended from one of the oldest families of the Buckeye state. Her great-grandfather, John Cranston, a native of Rhode Island, who married a Miss Edwards, came to Ohio in 1808 and settled in Union county, where they spent the rest of their lives. Their children were: Phoebe, Stephen, John B., Ephraim, Christopher and Edward.

John B. Cranston, Mrs. Briney's maternal grandfather, married Betsy Lathrop, of Connecticut, and they came to Champaign county, in pioneer times, locating in Rush township, where he hired out, first receiving thirty-seven and one-half cents per day. He devoted the rest of his life to farming here. His family consisted of the following children: Mary Ann, who married Joseph Johnson; Peleg, John, Dollie, Betsy, and Ann B. The last named is the only one living at this writing, 1917; she makes her home on the old homestead, where she has resided for seventy-nine years.

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### CHARLES H. ESPY.

Charles H. Espy, progressive farmer, engaged in stock raising for thirty years, and holder of various public offices of trust, living on route 2, Degraff, Champaign county, was born on the old Espy farm near Springhill, Ohio, on March 18, 1861, a son of David H. and Rebecca (Kinsinger) Espy.

David H. Espy, at the outbreak of the Civil War, joined the Union forces by enlisting in Company G. Sixty-sixth Volunteer Infantry. He saw considerable service and was in many engagements during that long struggle between the states. He received severe wounds at the battle of Cedar Mountain and was removed to the Alexander hospital, in which institution he died some time later. His widow married William Ritter, who is now deceased, and she is living at Degraff, Ohio. David H. Espy and wife were the parents of one child, Charles H. Espy, the subject of this sketch.

Charles H. Espy was reared on the old home farm in Adams township and was educated in the public schools of the district. At the age of thirteen, and following his mother's second marriage, he started to work on farms by the month at ten dollars per month and continued thus engaged for about five years. He then commenced at team work, at which he remained for another five years. During those ten years he was saving all



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available money with the view to acquiring land of his own. He subsequently bought forty acres of land, which he immediately put into cultivation, setting the tract out to general farming. As he prospered in his farming operations he added to his holdings, finally becoming the owner of two hundred and twenty-eight acres of prime land. In addition to his farming activities, he is also extensively engaged in the breeding and shipping of live stock, with which branch of agricultural life he has been identified for thirty years, and in both phases of work he has met with marked success. He is also the owner of two nice residence properties in Bellefontaine, this state.

On December 30, 1883, Charles H. Espy was united in marriage to Mary Wilson, who was born in Adams township in 1862, a daughter of William A. Wilson and wife. She was reared on her father's farm and educated in the common schools of her home district. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Espy three children have been born as follow: Ethel, who was graduated from the Rosewood high school and is now the wife of J. W. Burkhold, of Rosewood, this county; Bonnie, also a graduate of the Rosewood high school, who later married F. E. Bailor, and Raymond, who was graduated from the high school and is now a student in the State University. These children are members of the United Brethren church at Rosewood.

Mr. Espy has long been a supporter of the Republican party and has ever taken a keen interest in public affairs. He served for a period of six years as county commissioner and for five years was treasurer of Adams township. Later, he became a member of the district school board, serving in that capacity for eight years, and during his incumbency the Rosewood schools were built. His services in all of these responsible positions met with general approval and his work on behalf of the schools has always been recognized as above the average, his efforts on behalf of educational matters being at once genuine and practical. His interest in fraternal organizations is not less marked. He is a member of Rosewood Lodge No. 242, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which order he is a past noble grand. He is also a member of the encampment, of which he is past chief patriarch. He holds membership in the Knights of Pythias at Degraff, Ohio, and in the affairs of these several bodies he takes a prominent part. Mr. and Mrs. Espy display a warm interest in all community affairs and are ever ready to assist in all movements having for their object the welfare of the township and county.

## JOHN EMORY MAST.

John Emory Mast, one of the best-known and most substantial pioneer farmers of Champaign county and the proprietor of a fine farm in Salem township, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born in that township on September 12, 1838, son of John and Elizabeth (Trego) Mast, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Berks county and the latter in Chester county, who became residents of Champaign county in 1830 and here reared their family and spent the remainder of their lives, being long accounted among the most influential and useful residents of the community which they had helped to develop from its wilderness state. Elsewhere in this volume, under the head of "The Mast Family", there is set out at some length something of the genealogy and the history of that well-known family in this county and the attention of the reader is respectfully called to that interesting narrative for additional information in connection with the present sketch. The pioneer John Mast and wife were the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom further mention is made in the narrative above referred to, and of these children the subject of this sketch was the seventh in order of birth.

Reared on the pioneer home farm in Salem township, John E. Mast has lived there all his life, his present fine farm including a portion of the old home farm which his father divided among his children when he retired from the active labors of the farm many years ago. On April 13, 1869, at Mutual, this county, he was united in marriage to Minerva J. Stonebraker, who was born in this county, a daughter of Arnold S. and Sophia (Remsburg) Stonebraker, and to this union eleven children have been born, Ellis Heber, Marie May, Lulu Grace, Willie E., John Arnold, Clayton, Clarence Simpson, Jennie Irene, Cleveland H., Evelyn Sophia and Earl Talmage. Mr. and Mrs. Mast are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Kings Creek and their children were reared in the faith of that church.

Ellis Heber Mast, born on May 24, 1871, is now living at Cleveland, where he is engaged as a conductor on an electric railroad. Marie May Mast, born on February 10, 1873, was married at Urbana on January 6, 1901, to William C. Brucker, who was born at Oketo, Kansas, July 12, 1871, son of Fred and Emma (Zimmerman) Brucker, the former a native of France and the latter of Prussia. After their marriage William C. Brucker and wife lived in Gage county, Nebraska, for five years, at the end of which time, in 1906, they moved to the farm on which they are now living in

Jewell county, Kansas. Lulu Grace Mast, born on January 22, 1875, was married on July 29, 1897, to David L. Thomas, who was born in Canada on September 30, 1870, son of David J. Thomas, and who is now living at Fernhill, Ontario. To them six children have been born, namely: Mast Leroy, born on April 29, 1898; Glenn Abner, September 15, 1899, who died on April 25, 1900; Blanche Leona, April 16, 1901; Evelyn May, May 20, 1903; Velma Ferne, July 10, 1905, and Earl Theodore, June 10, 1907. Willie E. Mast, born on September 8, 1876, died on September 27, following. John Arnold Mast, born on November 25, 1877, is now living near Ozone, Idaho, on a four-hundred-acre farm. Clayton Mast, born on December 15, 1879, died on April 8, 1880. Clarence Simpson Mast, born on December 15, 1879, is now living at Abington, Illinois, where he is engaged as teacher of science in the Abington College. On August 22, 1906, at Delaware, this state, he was united in marriage to Clara Glenn Buck, who was born on January 5, 1880, a daughter of the Hon. Henris Edmund and Jennie (Glenn) Buck, of Delaware. Jennie Irene Mast married Clifford Johnson (deceased) who was born on June 29, 1882; she lives at Coffeyville, Kansas; Cleveland H. Mast, born on December 13, 1884, died on December 14, 1886. Evelyn Sophia Mast, born on February 10, 1887, died on December 18, 1891. Earl Talmage Mast, born on December 29, 1890, is now living at Cleveland.

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### JAMES W. BLACK.

James W. Black, farmer and banker, of Salem township, proprietor of the old Black homestead which was entered there by his grandfather, Capt. Alexander Black, back in 1809, an extensive landowner and for years actively engaged in the live-stock business, one of the most substantial citizens of Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on the place on which he is now living and of which he is now proprietor, a place that has been in the family for more than one hundred years, October 28, 1854, son of James and Caroline (Culbertson) Black, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Pennsylvania, who were for years accounted among the most influential residents of the northern part of this county.

James Black was born in Clark county, Kentucky, February 8, 1798, son of Capt. Alexander and Jane (Crockett) Black, Virginians, who came

up into Ohio in 1809 and settled in Salem township, this county, there establishing the old Black homestead that has ever since been in the possession of the family. Capt. Alexander Black was born in the colony of Virginia on October 14, 1765, a son of Capt. William Black, who became captain of a company in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. Capt. William Black, who was a son of Alexander Black, who had come to the Colonies from Ireland and had settled in the Old Dominion, joined the Continental army at the age of fifteen and before the War of Independence was at an end was promoted to the rank of captain. He later crossed the mountains into Kentucky, locating at Strouds Ford, three miles from Winchester, where he remained for three years and during which time he became a companion of Daniel Boone. In 1792, in Rockbridge county, Virginia, Capt. William Black married Jane Crockett, a cousin of David Crockett, and then returned to Kentucky to make his permanent home. He served with General Scott's Kentucky Volunteers and was with General Wayne when the latter scored his decisive victory over the Indians at the battle of the Maumee in August, 1794, being wounded in the face in that battle. In 1809 he came up into Ohio with his family and settled in this county, entering a tract of land in Salem township. During the War of 1812 he was given a captain's commission and with his company guarded the settlers against the attacks of Tecumseh and his Shawnees and against Batiste, who with his Wyandots had gone over to the English. Capt. Alexander Black was a warm personal friend of Gen. Simon Kenton and had no love for the Indians. He continued to make his home in this county, a substantial and honored citizen, until his death in 1854. His widow survived him for five years, her death occurring in 1859.

James Black was eleven years of age when his parents came up into Ohio and he grew to manhood on the homestead farm in Salem township and there spent the remainder of his life, one of the leaders in the community life of this region, and a very successful farmer and stockman. He received excellent schooling for that period and became a very well informed man. From the days of his boyhood he took an active part in his father's live-stock operations and when fourteen or fifteen years of age began to accompany the drovers on the long trips through the wilderness with droves of cattle or hogs for the Detroit market. He grew to be a man of powerful physique and was accounted one of the hardiest pioneers of this section. In early life he was a Henry Clay Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party threw in his allegiance with that party and was ever thereafter a staunch Republican and one of the local leaders in that party. James

Black lived to be past eighty-four years of age, his death occurring on July 3, 1882. His widow survived him less than a year, her death occurring in 1883, she then being eighty-three years of age.

It was in 1832 that James Black was united in marriage to Caroline Culbertson, who was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1810, daughter of James Culbertson and wife, who became pioneers of Champaign county and here spent their last days. James Culbertson was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, son of Samuel Culbertson, a native of England, who had served with the patriot army during the Revolutionary War and who settled in Lancaster county, where his last days were spent. James Culbertson served as a private during the War of 1812 and later came to this county, where he died in 1835. To James and Caroline (Culbertson) Black were born eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: Jane, who married William Kiser, of Logan county, this state, and died there, after which her husband married her younger sister, Lucy, who died in Los Angeles in 1915; Susan, who married John W. Staub and died in Logan county; Lucy, mentioned above, who died in Los Angeles in 1915; Alexander, who married Mary Courts and is now living retired at Eddyville, Iowa; Caroline, who died unmarried; John R., now deceased, who for years was a partner of his brother, James W., and of whom more extended mention is made below, and Lizzie, now deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Donovan.

John R. Black was born on the old home place in Salem township and there grew to manhood, completing his schooling in the high school at West Liberty. He early took up farming and stock raising, making a specialty of the latter, and was a partner of his brother, James W. Black, in operations in that line until his retirement from business in 1901. In addition to his extensive land interests in this county he also was the owner of property in West Liberty and was a stockholder in the Farmers Bank of that place. He ever gave his earnest attention to the promotion of the agricultural interests of his home county and was for fifteen years a member of the board of managers of the Champaign County Agricultural Society, for some years serving as vice-president of the same. He was a staunch Republican, ever giving a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but was not included in the office-seeking class. He was a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and took a warm interest in the affairs of these fraternal organizations. On December 9, 1886, John R. Black was united in marriage to Belle Robbins, of Logan county, who was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, September 21,



1856, a daughter of John W. and Rebecca (Huff) Robbins, the former of whom was born in the state of New York and the latter in Hunterdon county, New Jersey. John W. Robbins was a blacksmith and in 1857 came to Ohio with his family and settled in Logan county, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring at West Liberty in 1887, at the age of fifty-four years. He and his wife had three children, Mrs. John R. Black having a brother, William, who is now living in California, and a daughter, Mrs. James W. Black. John R. Black died on May 16, 1904, and his widow is now living at West Liberty. She has three children, Maude, Wayne C. and Yale D.

James W. Black was reared on the old home farm in Salem township and has lived there all his life. He received his schooling in the public schools and after his marriage in 1882 he and his wife took up their residence in the fine old house that his grandfather, Capt. Alexander Black, had erected there in 1818. Upon beginning his farming operations on his own account James W. Black entered into a partnership with his elder brother, John R. Black, and this mutually agreeable arrangement continued until the latter's retirement in 1901, since which time Mr. Black has carried on the extensive operations begun by the brothers alone, continuing to make a specialty of live stock. Mr. Black has about six hundred acres of valuable land, besides valuable real estate interests at West Liberty and is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Bank of West Liberty, in which sound old concern he has quite a goodly block of stock. Mr. Black is a staunch Republican and has ever taken an active interest in local political affairs, but the only public service he has sought has been as a member of the school board, in which capacity he has rendered admirable service in behalf of the local schools. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Liberty Lodge No. 96, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

On December 21, 1882, James W. Black was united in marriage to Lizzie Robbins, who was born in the neighboring county of Logan, March 8, 1862, daughter of John W. and Rebecca (Huff) Robbins and sister of Mrs. John R. Black, mentioned above, and to this union four children have been born, Burr R., Geneva B., Howard C. and Virginia. Burr R. Black, born on January 15, 1885, is now assistant cashier of the Farmers Bank of West Liberty. He married Hazel Stickinger and has one child, a daughter, Beatrice, born in November, 1914. Geneva B. Black, born on March 9, 1891, married Raymond F. Hughes, who is connected with the J. W. Bobbs wholesale grocery firm at Columbus, and has two children.



Maxine, born in October, 1914, and James Raymond, October, 1916. Howard C. Black, who was born on May 24, 1894, remains at home, a valued assistant to his father in the management of the home place. He was graduated from the West Liberty high school and supplemented that course by two years of attendance at the State University and a year at Oberlin College. Virginia Black, born on August 23, 1901, is still in school. The Blacks have a very pleasant home, one of the historic old places in the county, and have ever given proper attention to the general social activities of the community.

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### JACOB I. CLARK.

Jacob I. Clark, farmer and stock raiser of Salem township, Champaign county, was born in Clarke county, Ohio, January 31, 1872. He is a son of Jacob and Susanna (Swisher) Clark, both natives of Virginia, where they grew to maturity and were married. Upon leaving their native state they came to Champaign county, but in a short time went on to Clarke county, where they lived on a farm eighteen or twenty years, then returned to Champaign county, locating on the Jennings farm in Salem township, where they spent three years, then moved south of Hagenbaugh village, buying a farm there of one hundred and twenty-six acres, where they spent the rest of their lives. Isaac Clark, father of Jacob Clark, was also a native of Virginia and he came to Champaign county, Ohio, shortly after his son. Jacob, moved here, but later moved to Clarke county, where he remained a number of years, then came back to Champaign county, locating in Wayne township, southeast of Cable, and there spent the rest of his life. Eleven children were born to Jacob Clark and wife, seven of whom are now living, namely: Joshua, Gabriel, Samuel, Elmer; Charles and John are deceased; Laura married W. E. Briggs, Cora married Griffith Fox, Eliza married John Powell, and she is now deceased; Della who married Abe Hondshall; she also is deceased.

Jacob I. Clark, of this sketch, grew up on the home farm and he received his education in the district schools of Salem township, Champaign county. He worked with his father on the farm until he was twenty-five years old, then started farming for himself, buying a place of one hundred and eleven acres and he has since made his home on this place, carrying on general farming and stock raising. He later added to his original holdings until he now has one hundred and ninety-seven acres, which he has brought up to a

high state of improvement and cultivation. He is a breeder of good graded live stock. He feeds the grain raised on his place.

Mr. Clark was married on December 16, 1896, to Lucinda Nincehelser, a daughter of Joseph and Lucinda (Eicholtz) Nincehelser. The death of Mrs. Clark occurred on January 27, 1912, leaving one child, Maryvon Clark. The death of the father of the subject of this sketch occurred on May 6, 1903, but the mother is still living, making her home near Hagenbaugh, Salem township, this county.

Politically, Jacob I. Clark is a Republican. He was a member of the school board in his district for a period of eight years. He is an active member of the Baptist church at Kings Creek and is an ordained deacon of the same.

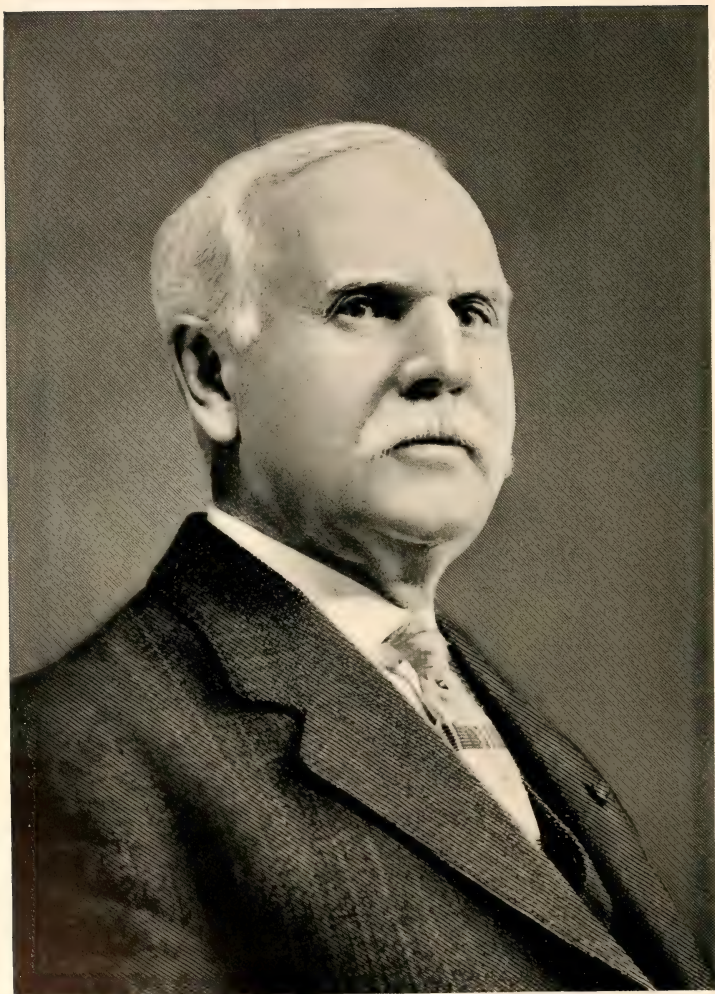
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### MAJOR ALEXANDER F. VANCE.

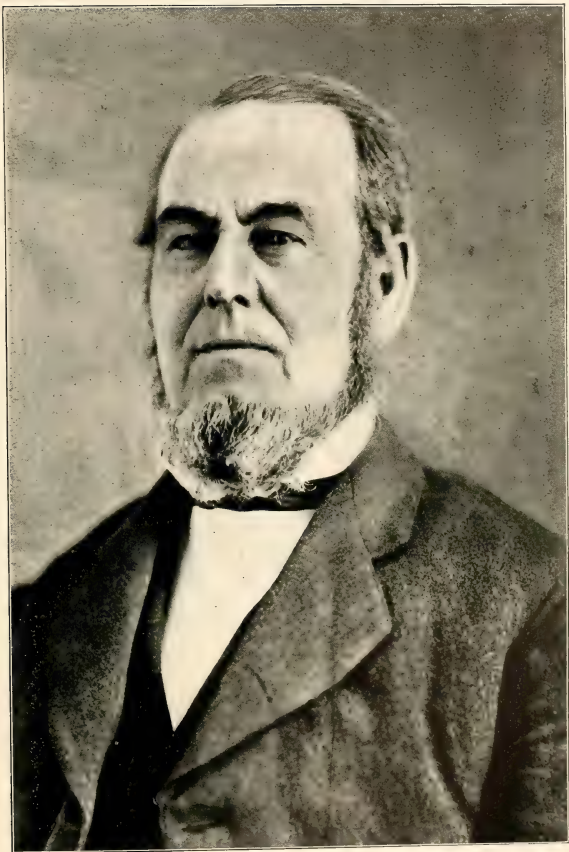
Major Alexander F. Vance, president of the National Bank of Urbana and for years one of the most active and influential figures in the business and civic life of Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life with the exception of the period spent in the service of the Union during the Civil War and for about five years afterward when he was engaged in business in New York City. He was born on what is known as the old Eichholtz homestead in Salem township, this county, January 26, 1840, son of Judge Alexander F. Vance and grandson of Gov. Joseph Vance, the latter of whom was a son of Joseph C. Vance, a Virginian and a soldier in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. The latter became one of the leading factors in the organization of Champaign county, helped to establish Urbana as the county seat, became the first director of the county, served as first clerk and as first recorder and in other ways did much toward establishing a proper social order hereabout in the days of the beginning of things out here on what then was practically the frontier of Western civilization. Elsewhere in this volume in a biographical sketch relating to Gov. Joseph Vance, the only resident of Champaign county to become governor of the great state of Ohio, there is set out at considerable length further details of the history of the Vance family, one of the very first families of Champaign county, and the attention of the reader is respectfully invited to a consideration of that sketch in connection with this.

Judge Alexander F. Vance, who served as judge of probate of Cham-





MAJOR ALEXANDER F. VANCE, JR.



JUDGE ALEXANDER F. VANCE.





paign county longer than any other man ever elected to that office, was a native son of this county, born on the old Vance farm on August 25, 1811, son of Joseph (afterward governor) and Mary (Lemon) Vance. He grew to manhood in this county and completed his schooling in old Miami University. On August 6, 1835, he married Mary R. Ward, a daughter of Col. William Ward, one of the most prominent citizens of this section of Ohio, and after his marriage established his home on what is known as the old Eichholtz farm, where he remained for several years, at the end of which time he moved to Saratoga and was there in charge of a mill until a short time before his father's death in the summer of 1852, when he returned to the old home and upon his father's death received the old homestead. There he continued to make his home until 1859, when he moved to Urbana and there engaged in business, opening a hat store in a building at the southeast corner of the square, and was thus engaged at the time of his election to the office of judge of probate for Champaign county in 1860, after which he sold his store. By successive re-elections Judge Vance was retained as judge of probate until 1879, a longer period of service than that of any other incumbent in this office.

When the Civil War broke out Judge Vance raised a company and was elected captain of the same. This command was mustered in at Camp McArthur and Judge Vance tendered its services to the governor, but the state's quota at that time was already filled and the offer could not be accepted. Circumstances prevented Judge Vance from enlisting, but he was represented in the war by four sons. Upon retiring from the bench he continued to make his home in Urbana and there spent his last days, ever active and useful in good works. He and his wife were earnest members of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a ruling elder for many years. The Judge was a Royal Arch and York Rite Mason and a member of the council, Royal and Select Masters, becoming a Royal Arch Mason on May 15, 1845, and a Knight Templar in 1860, and for many years was one of the most prominent figures in Masonic circles in this county, an active worker in Harmony Lodge of that order at Urbana. He and his wife lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary and were the parents of thirteen children, of whom eight grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this biographical sketch being William W., Joseph C., John, C. H. Colwell, Mrs. Rev. John Woods, Mrs. Thomas C. Berry and Ella P.

The junior Alexander F. Vance was the third in order of birth of the children born to his parents and was about seventeen years of age when his

parents moved from the old home farm to Urbana, where he completed his schooling. When eighteen years of age he accepted a clerkship in the dry-goods store of Simon Weaver at Urbana and later became bookkeeper in the office of his uncle, proprietor of the Stony Point mills, serving in that capacity until 1862, when he was made a clerk in the paymaster's department of the Union army and in January, 1865, was promoted to the position of paymaster, with the rank of major of cavalry. Upon the completion of his service in the army Major Vance went to New York City and was there engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe business for five years, at the end of which time he returned to this county and was here engaged in farming until January 1, 1875, when he was elected teller of the old Third National Bank of Urbana. He was afterward made assistant cashier and, upon the death of E. G. Wiley, cashier, on February 28, 1881, he was elected cashier, continuing as such when the Third National was succeeded by the National Bank of Urbana. He was elected vice-president on January 17, 1910, and president on January 10, 1911. For several years also the Major served as president of the Natural Gas Company and has in other ways taken an active part in the business affairs of the city and county. He is a Republican and has for years been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county, but the only public position he has sought was that as a member of the board of education, in which capacity he served for some years, rendering an admirable service in behalf of the schools.

In February, 1868, Major Alexander F. Vance was united in marriage to Mary Glen Jamieson and to this union has been born one child, a daughter, Louise, wife of Charles Brand, a well-known and substantial farmer of this county. Major Vance is one of the most prominent and distinguished Masons in the state of Ohio, being a member of the supreme council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the northern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States of America, the supreme power of the Rite. He became affiliated with the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, on February 18, 1873, and in 1885 received the thirty-third degree at Boston. In the local bodies of the Masonic order the Major has taken an active part for years and has served as master of his lodge; as high priest of the chapter, Royal Arch Masons; thrice illustrious master of the council, Royal and Select Masters, and eminent commander of the commandery, Knights Templar. He is one of the best-known and most influential Knights Templar in the state, having served as grand commander of the grand commandery of Ohio.

It is worthy of note that in this family, grandfather, father and son, the subject, have all been masters of the Harmony Lodge No. 8, Free and Accepted Masons of Urbana, Governor Vance having been master of this lodge in 1815 and again in 1817.

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### GEORGE W. SHAFER.

George W. Shafer, one of Salem township's best-known and most progressive farmers and stockmen and the proprietor of a fine farm in the Kings Creek neighborhood, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm near Terre Haute, in Mad River township, May 25, 1864, son of Nicholas and Louise (Cook) Shafer, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in this county and both of whom are now dead.

Nicholas Shafer grew up on a farm in his native country and remained there until he was twenty-six years of age, when he came to this country, landing here with but a five-franc piece (one dollar) in his pocket. For a short time after coming to this country he worked as a farm hand in Virginia, receiving for that service twenty-five cents a day. He then made his way over into Ohio and stopped in the Terre Haute neighborhood, in this county, where he worked as a farm hand until his marriage there to Louise Cook, who was born in this county, daughter of pioneer parents, after which he bought a farm and began farming on his own account. His first farm was a tract of one hundred and twenty-five acres, in the vicinity of Terre Haute, where he made his home until 1867, when he moved to Salem township and bought a farm of three hundred and fourteen acres at the point then known as Saratoga. There he established his home and as he prospered in his farming operations added to his holdings until he became the owner of nine hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Salem township and was regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that part of the county. He also gave much attention to the raising of live stock, particularly sheep, and always had about three hundred head of the latter on his place. Nicholas Shafer died in 1900. His wife had preceded him to the grave about eleven years, her death having occurred in 1889. They were the parents of five children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Elizabeth and Martha, and two brothers, Henry and Charles.

George W. Shafer was about three years of age when his parents moved from Mad River township to Salem township and in the latter town-

ship received his schooling and grew to manhood. From the days of his boyhood he was a valuable aid to his father and brothers in the labors of the home farm and remained on the home farm until his marriage in 1890, when he began farming for himself on a farm north of the place on which he is now living, to which latter place he moved in 1904 and has ever since made his home there. Mr. Shafer is the owner of two hundred and fifty acres, but only farms one hundred and six acres of this himself, renting out the remainder. In addition to his general farming he has long given considerable attention to the raising of hogs, feeding from one hundred to one hundred and fifty head annually, and has done very well. His place is well improved and equipped in truly up-to-date fashion and is regarded as one of the best farms in that neighborhood. Mr. Shafer is a Democrat, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On July 15, 1890, George W. Shafer was united in marriage to Florence Stick, who also was born in Randolph county, Indiana, daughter of Samuel and Mary Stick, and to this union has been born one child, a daughter, Alice, who is at home with her parents. The Shafers are members of the Kings Creek Baptist church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same, as well as in the general good works of the community, helpful in advancing all worthy causes thereabout. Fraternally, Mr. Shafer is affiliated with the Urbana lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that popular organization.

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#### ALBERT L. HUNTER.

The late Albert L. Hunter, who died at his home in Salem township in 1909, and whose widow is now living at Kings Creek, was born in that township and there spent all his life, becoming one of the most substantial farmers in that community. He was born on a pioneer farm in that township in 1845, son of Nathaniel C. and Helen M. (Purdy) Hunter, prominent residents of that community, the former of whom also was born there, on the old Hunter homestead, son of John and Jane (Humphries) Hunter, the former of whom was born in Virginia, son of Nathaniel and Ann (Porter) Hunter, natives of Ireland, who came to this county after their marriage and settled in Virginia, where they remained until 1910, when they came to this state and after a brief residence in Madison county came over into Champaign county and established their home in Salem township, where they spent the

remainder of their lives. In a memorial sketch relating to the late Nathaniel C. Hunter, father of the subject of this memorial sketch, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out at considerable length something of the history of the Hunter family in this county and to that interesting narrative the reader is respectfully referred for additional details in this connection.

Reared on the old home place, Albert L. Hunter received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and supplemented the same by a course in the college at Delaware. From the days of his boyhood he had been a valuable aid to his father in the labors of the farm and after his marriage in the late fall of 1876 he established his home on the old home place and there continued farming for five years, at the end of which time he took a farm in the vicinity of Cable, where he remained for nine years. He then moved back to the old Hunter farm, bought two hundred acres of the same, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in August, 1909, he then being sixty-two years of age. Albert L. Hunter was an excellent farmer and did well at his farming operations, developing a fine farm. He was a Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but had not been a seeker after public office. He was a member of the Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow, and took a proper part in all neighborhood good works.

In November, 1876, Albert L. Hunter was united in marriage to Mary Frances North, who also was born in Salem township, on the old North homestead, a daughter of Abel and Elizabeth (Herr) North, the latter of whom is still living, now making her home at Kings Creek. The late Abel North and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Hunter was the first-born, the others being as follow: Lucy, who married J. S. Ewing and is now deceased; Adelaide and Adrelina, twins, the former of whom married J. N. Fields and is now living at Cleveland, and the latter of whom was burned to death when twelve years of age; Sarah Elizabeth, who died at the age of seventeen years; Charles L., who is now farming the old North home place; Cora, now deceased, who was the wife of Prof. John Hamilton, superintendent of the city schools at Cincinnati; William North, a prominent attorney at Cincinnati; Grant, who died in youth, and Birdie, wife of Prof. D. C. Bryant, principal of schools at Columbus.

To Albert L. and Mary Frances (North) Hunter, four children were born, namely: Grace, who married Quim M. Yocum, a farmer, of Salem township, and has two children, daughters, Helen M. and Margaret E.; Edna, who married Alva Kiser, of Troy, this state, and has three children, Truman A., Paul and Marv V.; Fern P., born on November 22, 1882, who



married the Rev. Milton S. Swisher, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, now living in Illinois, and died on November 13, 1905, leaving one child, a daughter, Dorothy, who is now making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Hunter, and Sarah Elsa, who married Daniel C. Lemon, a farmer, living in the neighborhood of St. Paris, in this county, and has two children, Mildred and Donald. Besides these children, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have an adopted son, John Hunter, who is now farming the home place. Some time after the death of her husband Mrs. Hunter moved to Kings Creek, where she is now living and where she is very comfortably and very pleasantly situated.

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### THOMAS RAWLINGS.

The late Thomas Rawlings, for years one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial farmers, who died at his delightful farm home on Pretty Prairie, in Urbana township, in the fall of 1912, was a native son of this county and lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Urbana township, August 28, 1836, son of James and Susanna (McRoberts) Rawlings, the former of whom was born in the state of Kentucky and the latter in this county, whose last days were spent on their farm in Urbana township.

James Rawlings was but a child when his parents came up here from Kentucky and settled on a tract of land in Urbana township, this county, becoming useful and influential pioneers of the Pretty Prairie neighborhood. He grew to manhood on that farm and married Susanna McRoberts, who was born in this county, daughter of pioneer parents, and after his marriage established his home on a farm on the Springfield pike, in Urbana township, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: William J. W., now deceased, who married Electa Mumper, now living in Urbana, and a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Mary, who married Thomas M. Todd, a farmer of Urbana township, and who, as well as her husband, is now dead; Elizabeth J., widow of John P. Knight, a farmer of Urbana township and a memorial sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; James, now deceased, who was a farmer in Urbana township and who married Laura Townley, who also is now deceased, and Douglas W.,



also deceased, whose widow, who was Alice Townley, now lives in Springfield.

Reared on the home farm in Urbana township, Thomas Rawlings received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father and brothers in the labors of developing and improving the home place, remaining there until his marriage in the spring of 1864, when he established a home of his own on a farm on Pretty Prairie, where he spent the remainder of his life, successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, long ago becoming recognized as one of the substantial farmers of that community. Mr. Rawlings was a Republican and ever took a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, but was not a seeker after public office. He built up an excellent farm and at the time of his death on September 18, 1912, left his widow in good circumstances.

It was in March, 1864, that Thomas Rawlings was united in marriage to Sarah Emily Humes, also a native of this county, born on a farm on Dugan Prairie, in Union township, a daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (McNeill) Humes, both of whom were born in Virginia and who came out here after their marriage and settled on Dugan Prairie, becoming substantial and useful pioneers of Union township, and spent the rest of their lives on their well-improved farms. Mrs. Humes died at the age of sixty-seven and Mr. Humes survived her for some years, he being eighty-four years of age at the time of his death. They were earnest members of the Buck Creek Presbyterian church, of which congregation Mr. Humes was for fifty years an elder, and their children were reared in the faith of that communion. There were ten of these children, of whom Mrs. Rawlings was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Sidney Elizabeth, who was born in Virginia shortly before her parents came to this county and who married Charles Stanbury and went to Illinois, where she spent the rest of her life; John Seymour, who married Caroline Porter and also spent his last days in Illinois; Nancy Margaret, who died unmarried; Samuel R., who also died unmarried; David Merrill, who went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and died in service; William Andrew, who married Elizabeth Price and is also deceased; James Calvin, who died in his youth; Mary Eliza, who also died young, and Edwin K., a retired farmer, now living in Urbana, who married Caroline Mumma and has had five children, Crystal (deceased), Florence, Blanche, Bertha and Homer.

Shortly after the death of her husband Mrs. Rawlings rented her farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres of land and moved to Urbana, where

she is now living and where she is very pleasantly situated. She has been for many years a member of the Buck Creek Presbyterian church, as was her husband, and has ever taken an active interest in church work and in other neighborhood good works, helpful in many ways in advancing the cause of the common welfare in the community in which she has lived all her life.

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### W. W. WILSON.

W. W. Wilson, president of the Citizens National Bank of Urbana and an honored veteran of the Civil War, is a native son of this county and has lived here practically all his life. He was born on a farm in Concord township on May 1, 1842, son of Elias R. and Mary (Russell) Wilson, both of whom were born in that same township. Elias R. Wilson died in 1846, leaving his widow and two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, John R. Wilson. The widow Wilson later remarried, but this fact did not materially increase the prospects of the boys and when eight years of age W. W. Wilson found himself face to face with the serious responsibilities of life, beginning then practically to look after himself. He took up farming and was thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. Later he worked his way through school and was graduated from the Urbana high school.

Upon the first call to arms in April, 1861, W. W. Wilson became a member of a company of Home Guards, of which A. F. Vance, Sr., was captain, and in September of that year he enlisted for a period of three years as a member of Company G, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in the following January went to the front with his command, bearing the rank of sergeant. In the following June, at the battle of Port Republic, Virginia, Mr. Wilson received an injury to one of his legs which totally disabled him from further service and which later necessitated three different stages of amputation. While thus suffering Mr. Wilson was captured by the enemy and for four months was held prisoner, being confined successively in the Weier's cave prison at Waynesboro, in the prison at Lynchburg and in Libby prison, until he finally was exchanged, and in December, 1862, he received his honorable discharge on a physician's certificate of disability.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Wilson returned to Urbana. During the sessions of the Ohio Legislature in 1866 and 1867 he served as journal clerk for the House of Representatives and in the latter part of 1867 was appointed United States revenue collector for this district.



W. W. WILSON.



That position he held for eleven years, or until the time of his appointment to the position of cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Urbana, a position he held until his promotion, in 1916, to the presidency of the bank, which position he now occupies, one of the best-known and most influential figures in financial circles in this part of the state. Mr. Wilson is an active member of W. A. Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and has for years taken a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

In 1868 W. W. Wilson was united in marriage to Anna Virginia Russell, who died in 1898, leaving three children, William R., Carrie V. and Frank C. In 1900 Mr. Wilson married, secondly, Mrs. Mary B. Murray, widow of Rev. James Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Wilson has been a steward for fifty years. He also for years was superintendent of the Sunday school and for many years has been and is still a teacher in the same.

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### JOHN M. JAMISON.

John M. Jamison, a well-known interior decorator at Urbana, was born in that city and has lived there the greater part of his life. He was born on September 25, 1850, son of David and Mary (Bell) Jamison, the former a native of the state of Pennsylvania and the latter of whom was born in Urbana, a member of one of the oldest families in this county, the Bells, of Irish descent, having been among the very first settlers in Urbana. David Jamison was a young man when he came to this county from Pennsylvania and located at Urbana, where he married and where he engaged in the manufacture of carriages, one of the first persons thus engaged in that city. In 1852 he moved to Marysville, Illinois, and a few years later moved from that place to a farm in the near vicinity of Marysville, later called Potomac, in Vermillion county, that same state, where he became a well-established farmer and where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, four of whom are still living, the subject of sketch having two sisters, Mary Ellen and Belle, and a brother, Merrill Jamison.

When his parents moved to Illinois J. M. Jamison remained at Urbana with his aunt, Mrs. Sarah Smith, and was reared by her in that city. He

received his schooling in Urbana and early learned the trade of carriage painting, a vocation he followed for years afterward. When eighteen years of age he started out as a "journeyman" carriage painter and in this capacity visited numerous cities throughout the country, in several of the cities in which he worked being made foreman of the shops in which he was employed. During all this time, however, he kept in close touch with his home town and in 1891 returned to Urbana, in order to take care of his cousin, John N. Smith, Sarah's son, in his declining years, as he had cared for him in his youthful days, and he since has made his home there. Upon his return to Urbana Mr. Jamison set up an establishment for interior decoration and has since been quite successfully engaged in that line, having built up an extensive business.

On September 18, 1869, J. N. Jamison was united in marriage to Adeline Keneaster, daughter of Henry Keneaster and wife, and to this union two children have been born, Harry, who married Anna Young and has one child, a son, Jack, and Marie, wife of Warren Law. The Jamisons have a pleasant home in Urbana and take a proper interest in the general affairs of the city.

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### GEORGE WAITE.

One of the leading lawyers and esteemed citizens of Champaign county during the generation that has just passed, was the late George Waite, for a long lapse of years a well-known figure in the city of Urbana, where his influence for good in the general welfare of the locality was by no means a negligible quantity. He was born at Woodstock, Ohio, January 12, 1862. He was a son of Cicero and Julia (McDonald) Waite, both natives of Champaign county, where they grew up, attended the common schools and were married. The mother was a daughter of George and Rachael McDonald. The father of the subject of this memoir established his home at Woodstock, where he engaged successfully in the manufacture of tile. His first wife, mother of George Waite, died there, and the father later married again and spent the last years of his life in Union City, Indiana, where his death occurred. His second marriage was without issue, and only two children were born to his first marriage, George, of this sketch, and Cyrus, now a resident of Anderson, Indiana.

George Waite grew to manhood at Woodstock, where he received his early education in the public schools. He began life for himself as a teacher,



which profession he followed for a period of twelve years in Champaign and Union counties. He was a very successful educator and his services were in great demand. He was a man of advanced ideas and introduced many advanced methods into the schools where he taught. He was always popular with both pupils and patrons.

Finally deciding that a legal career held greater opportunities for him, Mr. Waite abandoned the school room for the bar. He had been for some time, during his leisure hours, perusing Blackstone and Kent, and he read law under Judge E. P. Middleton, later took the regular course in the Cincinnati Law School, where he made a good record and from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1892. Returning to Champaign county he began the practice of his profession at Urbana, forming a partnership with Sherman S. Deaton, the partnership continuing until the death of Mr. Waite. They built up a large and satisfactory legal business. Mr. Waite, with his habits of industry, strict application to business, natural aptitude to the legal profession, and care in the investigation and preparation of cases, had the right to confidently expect a larger and wider boundary for the exercise of his abilities, and he was not disappointed; his career at the bar was eminently satisfactory.

Mr. Waite was married in 1887, to Mollie Hanley, of Woodstock, Ohio, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of David and Catherine Hanley, who lived on a farm near Woodstock for many years, dying there. To David Hanley and wife the following children were born: Margaret, deceased; Catherine, living in Columbus, Ohio; Julia, living in Anderson, Indiana; David, who makes his home at Urbana, Champaign county; Mollie, who became the wife of Mr. Waite, of this review; Guy, who died in Woodstock; Ann, living at Anderson, Indiana, and several other children who died in early childhood.

To George Waite and wife one child, George Waite, was born, his birth occurring at Woodstock, Ohio, August 3, 1890. There he spent his childhood, and received his education in the public school of Urbana, including the high school. Later, he was a student in Wittenberg College, also the Ohio State University. Deciding early in life to follow in the footsteps of his father in a professional way, he began studying law at home, when but a boy, later entered the Cincinnati Law School, where he made an excellent record, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, on February 1, 1917. He is now engaged in the practice of his profession in Urbana and is making a very promising start. He makes his home with his mother. He was admitted to the bar January 2, 1917. Fraternally, he belongs to

the blue lodge of Masons, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

George Waite, Sr., was a member of the Masonic order, including the chapter and council, also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Universalist church. His death occurred on July 27, 1913, in his fifty-second year, while still in the prime of life and usefulness.

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### SAMUEL W. CAREY.

Samuel W. Carey, one of Urbana's progressive and enterprising florists of Urbana, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on July 14, 1879, son of David and Sarah J. (Perry) Carey, the former of whom was born in this state and the latter in Pennsylvania and the former of whom is still living at Urbana at a ripe old age.

David Carey was born in Defiance, this state, but when he was a child his parents moved to Piqua, where he received his schooling and where he grew to manhood. While living in Miami county he married Sarah J. Perry, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and who was but four years of age when she came to this state with her parents, the family first locating at Gallipolis and later moving to Piqua, where she was living at the time of her marriage. Shortly after his marriage David Carey came to Champaign county and became engaged in farming at Lippincott Station, later moving down in the Dugan Valley section, where for thirty years he was engaged in farming. He then moved to Urbana, where he is still living, one of the oldest and best-known residents of that city. During his residence on the farm Mr. Carey was quite extensively engaged in the raising of broom corn and after moving to Urbana became connected with the Urbana Broom Company and was thus connected until his retirement from business some years ago. To him and his wife seven children were born, of whom six are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being William N., George E., Charles J., Mary and Hattie.

S. W. Carey received his schooling in the schools of Urbana and at the age of fourteen years began working in the greenhouse of the Reeser Floral Company, with which he was connected for about eight years, during which time he thoroughly familiarized himself with the details of the florist business and at the end of which time he started a greenhouse of his own and as since continued in that business, gradually building up his plant to its

present extensive proportions, and has long been recognized as one of the leading florists in this part of the state. Upon starting in business for himself Mr. Carey erected two greenhouses, seventy feet in length, carrying about two thousand square feet of glass; and this has been enlarged as the growing demands of his trade warranted until he now has seven greenhouses, one hundred and forty feet in length, carrying about fifteen thousand square feet of glass. His extensive plant is well equipped and up-to-date and his floral products cover a wide variety, suitable to all demands requisite to the needs of this section. Mr. Carey is a Democrat and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

In 1906 S. W. Carey was united in marriage to Catherine A. Plank, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Plank, and to this union four children have been born, Howard, Claude, Sarah E. and Goldie. Mr. and Mrs. Carey are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Carey is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge, the chapter and the council at Urbana, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. In the conduct of his business he is energetic and enterprising and is accounted one of the public-spirited business men of Urbana.

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### HENRY A. CHURCH.

Henry A. Church, superintendent of beautiful Oakdale cemetery at Urbana, is a native of the old Green Mountain state, but has been a resident of Ohio and of this county since he was eight years of age and is therefore very properly entitled to be numbered among the old settlers of Champaign county. He was born at Woodstock, in Windsor county, Vermont, November 29, 1847, son of Joel and Elizabeth (Bennett) Church, both natives of that same county, who in 1855 came to Ohio and settled on a farm in the neighborhood of Woodstock, in Rush township, this county. There Joel Church died on August 27, 1861, about six years after his arrival in this county, he then being thirty-eight years of age. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring in November, 1907, she then being in the eighty-fourth year of her age. They were the parents of two children, sons both, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Charles B. Church, who is engaged in the insurance business at Los Angeles, California.

Reared in this county, Henry A. Church received his early schooling in the common schools here and supplemented the same by a course of two years in college at Delaware, this state. Upon leaving college, he took service with the Urbana Elevator Company and was engaged with that concern for four years, at the end of which time he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and was thus engaged at Urbana for two years. He then spent seven years engaged in the agricultural-implement business and was thus engaged from 1877 to 1885, two years as a traveling salesman and five years locally connected with the business. In February, 1886, Mr. Church was appointed superintendent of Oakdale cemetery at Urbana, a position he ever since has occupied and to the duties of which he has ever given his most thoughtful attention. During his long period of superintendency Mr. Church has succeeded in effecting many beautifying changes in Oakdale, which has long been recognized as one of the most admirable and beautiful cemeteries in Ohio, the people of Urbana and of this section being very properly proud of the manner in which this silent city of the dead is kept up. Mr. Church is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On September 17, 1872, Henry A. Church was united in marriage to Sarah E. Miller, who was born in Urbana, a daughter of Sylvanus and Margaret (Pence) Miller, who came to this county from Rising Sun, Indiana. After a sometime residence in Urbana, Sylvanus Miller moved to Concord township, this county, and upon his retirement from the farm returned to Urbana, where he died in 1882, at the age of sixty-two years and past. His wife survived him many years, her death having occurred in 1914, she then being ninety years of age. They were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. Church, the last-born, being Charles (deceased), John (deceased), James T. (deceased), Edward F., of Toledo, Ohio; Fannie (deceased), and Irene B., of Springfield, this state.

To Henry A. and Sarah E. (Miller) Church five children have been born, four of whom, Harry, Harley, Arthur and Frank, died in childhood, the survivor being Sylva, who married Charles D. Siegel, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has two children, Lois and Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Church are members of the Baptist church at Urbana and take an active interest in the various beneficences of the same. Mr. Church is a Knight Templar and Royal Arch Mason and is affiliated with the Royal and Select Masters, a member of the blue lodge, the chapter, the council and the commandery (Knights Templar) at Urbana, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

## WILLIAM SUNDAY.

William Sunday, a retired farmer, living at Kingston, Salem township, Champaign county, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1847. He is a son of John and Ann (Herman) Sunday, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew up, were married and established their home. The father was a carpenter by trade, which he followed in his native state until 1852, when he removed with his family to Miami county, Ohio, where they lived a year or two and then came to Champaign county, locating on a farm three miles southwest of Urbana, which he rented. John Sunday remained in this county until 1871, when he went West and bought a farm in Clay county, Illinois, where he farmed the rest of his life, dying in the year 1898. His wife died in 1904. They were parents of eight children, five of whom are still living, namely: Mary, Sarah, Missouri, Frank and William. The last named is the only one of the family now living in Champaign county.

William Sunday grew up on the farm, and he attended school in Urbana township, Champaign county. When a young man he began farming here, which he continued until 1870, then went to Clay county, Illinois, where he farmed a year, in partnership, then married and began farming for himself, remaining in that county until 1882, when he returned to Champaign county, locating on a farm four miles southwest of Urbana, renting land there for some time, then moved to Salem township and bought seventy acres, which he operated until 1913, when he retired from active life and moved to the village of Kingston, owning three acres and a cozy home, and here he has since resided. Besides working his own land he rents a small tract of corn land each season in his vicinity.

Mr. Sunday was married in 1871, to Mary E. Thackery, a daughter of John and Rachael (Hammond) Thackery, and to their union two children have been born, one of whom died in infancy; Anna May is the wife of A. B. Swisher, the village blacksmith of Kingston, and they have two children, Herman R. and John Harold. Mrs. Mary E. Sunday was born three miles southwest of Urbana, Ohio. Her father came to this country from England, when fourteen years old, landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with his parents, the family coming on to Champaign county, and locating in the southwestern part of the county, in the timber. Here John grew to manhood and helped clear and develop the farm. After his marriage he moved to Mad River township, this county, where he spent the rest of his



life on a farm. She was a native of Philadelphia, from which city she came to Champaign county with her parents at an early date. Ten children were born to John Thackery and wife, six of whom are still living, namely: Martha, James, Mary, Alma, Minerva and Joseph.

Politically, Mr. Sunday is an independent Democrat. He is a member of the Baptist church, in which he is now a deacon, and is active in church work.

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### SCOTT KITE.

The subject of this sketch lives on his farm in Mad River township, three and a half miles east of St. Paris, and one-half mile north of the Piqua and Urbana pike. His farm consists of three hundred and twenty acres lying in Mad River township and about sixty acres in Jackson township, all fine land and well improved.

Scott Kite was born on this farm, in the old brick house which is still standing, April 15, 1856. He is a son of George W. and Nina (Fuson) Kite. George W., who was born on this farm and reared here, was a son of Adam and Elizabeth Kite, who came to this county from Virginia, in 1808, and settled here on government land which he entered. Here they lived and died and are buried in the old Kite burying ground on this place. Nina Fuson was born in Champaign county, Ohio, a daughter of Rev. William Fuson, an old pioneer Baptist minister and circuit rider. He was one of the best known men of his day, a man of sincere convictions and with the courage to declare them anywhere and at all times. He lived and died in Jackson township and his remains now lie in Mt. Zion cemetery in this township.

After marriage George W. and Nina Kite settled on part of the old Kite land, living in a log cabin. Later they built the brick house, for which they burned brick on the place, this house being the one in which the subject was born. There they lived until Mrs. Kite died, when he removed to another farm located on the Piqua-Urbana pike, where he spent the remainder of his days. For his second wife he married the widow of Isaiah Kite. George W. and Nina Kite were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject is the only one living and the youngest one of the family. The children were named: Jane, Angeline, James, Diadema, Sarena, Thomas P., John, Scott, our subject; Elizabeth and William. The family were members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church and always took an active part in the affairs of their





SCOTT KITE AND FAMILY.



church. The father was regarded as one of the pillars of the church. He was a man of great industry and was regarded as a successful man in his day. He accumulated considerable means and was the owner of about four hundred acres of land. In politics he was a Democrat, but did not take an active part in political affairs.

Scott Kite was reared on the old Kite farm, in Mad River township. He was educated in the district schools of the township and lived at home until grown to manhood. He was married, November 5, 1874, to Ella Pence, daughter of Amos and Clarinda (Browning) Pence. After marriage they set up housekeeping in the house where they now live, later removing to the red brick house, and then, after that house began to decay, they removed back to the new modern home which they now occupy, which was built in August, 1902. It has thirteen rooms and is modern, having electric lights and other improvements.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kite three children have been born: Richard, who died in infancy; Daisy May married Elmer Apple and they have two children, Donald S. and Doretha E.; Grace Maude married Wilber Faulkner, of Springfield, Ohio, and they have two sons, Kite and Wilbur.

Mrs. Kite is a member of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church. In politics Mr. Kite affiliates with the Democratic party and he served six years as trustee of his township and twenty years on the township school board.

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### IRWIN F. GARARD.

Agriculture, in its varied phases, has claimed the attention of Irwin F. Garard, of Salem township, Champaign county, and he has made a success of his chosen life work, partly because he likes it and partly because he is energetic and persistent. He was born in Fond-du-Lac county, Wisconsin, July 10, 1856. He is a son of John R. Garard, who was born in Berkeley county, now a part of West Virginia. In 1845, when a young man, he came on horseback from his native state to Ohio. The old saddlebags in which he brought his clothes along are still in possession of the subject of this sketch. He first stopped in Greene county, working in a saw-mill there about a year, the mill being busy getting out timber with which to build the woodwork of the Big Four railroad. He then came to Champaign county, locating on Pretty Prairie, in Urbana township, where resided his sister, Ruth, who had married Hamilton Hedges. There he took up farming and

married Mary Jane Osborn, of Urbana township. Later, Mr. Garard bought a farm just south of the town of Urbana and farmed there about five years, then went to Fond-du-Lac county, Wisconsin, where he remained about two years, returning to Champaign county in 1864, locating in Salem township, where he bought a farm where Mrs. Cogal now lives and stayed there five years, then bought the farm where T. I. Taylor now lives. He built a substantial home there in 1896 and improved the place in a general way. He later moved to Urbana, where his death occurred on April 9, 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. His wife died in 1885 in Salem township. He was a Democrat and active in public affairs. He made the race for county commissioner and was only defeated by a few votes. He also received the nomination of his party once for representative to the state Legislature. He belonged to the Presbyterian church. He also took a great deal of interest in the Champaign county annual fairs and held various offices in the association. He did much to make the fairs here a success during his lifetime. He was well known throughout the county and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Nine children were born to John R. Garard and wife, named as follow: Mrs. Nellie Armstrong, who died on May 30, 1917, lived in California; Martha is single and lives in Kingston, Ohio; Addie died in February, 1912; Irwin F., of this sketch; Warren H. lives in Urbana, Ohio; Mrs. Martha Miller lives in Findlay, this state; Sidney W. is engaged in mercantile business at Kingston, Ohio; Frank M. and Mary F. are twins; Frank M. lives in Nashville, Tennessee, is a lawyer by profession and now holds the office of assistant city attorney there; Mary F. is the wife of Aaron L. Covault, a train dispatcher for the Erie Railroad Company at Marion, Ohio.

Irwin F. Garard received his education in the public schools of the country, also spent one term in school at Urbana. He and two sisters remained at home with their father until the latter's death. On April 4, 1911, he married Elizabeth Runyan, of Clark county, Ohio.

Mr. Garard was a member of the police force at Urbana, Ohio, for three and one-half years. He was also connected with the Urbana Ice Company for a period of seven years and spent one year in the car shops there. He also worked one year at concrete bridge construction. On March 11, 1915, he located in Salem township, where he has since resided, owning a well-improved farm of eighty acres.

Mr. Garard is a Democrat and has been active in the affairs of his party for many years. He is at present serving in the office of trustee of Salem

township. He at one time made a close race for the office of county commissioner. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. His wife belongs to the Baptist church. For two years, 1897-1899, Mr. Garard was a guard at the Ohio state reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio.

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### C. D. LOUDENBACK.

C. D. Loudenback, cashier for the Northwestern Light and Power Company, of Urbana, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life, with the exception of the time spent in college and a few years spent in Arizona during the days of his young manhood. He was born at Westville, in Mad River township, son of Eugene F. and Martha (McCormick) Loudenback, both members of old families in this county, the latter of whom was a daughter of Jeremiah McCormick, and both of whom died when their son, the subject of this sketch, was a child.

Eugene F. Loudenback also was born in Mad River township, son of David and Charlotte M. (Hebbard) Loudenback, who were among the most prominent of the early settlers of that part of the county, David, better known as Squire Loudenback, having been one of the wealthiest and most influential men of his generation in Champaign county. Squire Loudenback was a Virginian by birth, born in Page county, in the Old Dominion, March 20, 1808, and was nine years of age when his parents, David and Susanna L. Loudenback, came with their family to Ohio and settled in Mad River township, this county. It was on November 1, 1817, that the Loudenbacks arrived in this county and the family ever since has been prominently represented here, other reference to this family being made elsewhere in various portions of this work. The elder David Loudenback and wife were the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters, Benjamin, Ann, David, Rebecca, Emanuel, Barbara, John and Martin.

The junior David Loudenback, the Squire, grew up on the home farm in Mad River township, and on June 1, 1829, began teaching school there, his pay for such service being ten dollars a month, out of which sum he had to pay his board, and he taught for fourteen consecutive terms, meanwhile continuing engaged in farm work. He later began clerking in a store at Westville and was thus engaged for three years, during which time he became engaged as a money lender, or private banker, at the same time carrying on a general real-estate business, and he gradually extended his operations along

this line until he presently came to be recognized as probably the wealthiest man in Champaign county and one of the wealthiest in this part of the state. At one time Squire Loudenback was the owner of twelve hundred acres of land, all of which he had under cultivation. He also was one of the chief stockholders in the old Third National Bank of Urbana, now the Urbana National Bank, and had other large interests hereabout. During his school teaching days he had been employed for some time as deputy county surveyor and there were few men who had as intimate and thorough an acquaintance with Champaign county as he. For ten years he also served as clerk of Mad River township and in 1842 he was elected justice of the peace in and for that township and by successive re-elections was retained in that magisterial office for thirty-six years, during which time never was one of his decisions reversed. The Squire also was for thirty years treasurer of his home township and in other ways did much for the public service. He was ever in demand as an administrator of estates or as a guardian of minor wards and it is still said that there never has been in this county a man who was called on to administer as many estates or to act as guardian for as many children as was Squire Loudenback. From 1830 until the time of his death he was a member of the Universalist church and was largely instrumental in building up the church of that denomination at Westville. He cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson for President and remained ever afterward a stalwart Democrat, for many years one of the leaders of that party in this part of the state.

Squire Loudenback was twice married. It was in 1838 that he was united in marriage to Charlotte M. Hebbard, member of one of Champaign county's pioneer families, and to that union were born nine children, Eugene F., Hylas, Noah, Eliza, David, Henrietta, Charles G., Lucy A. and Devilla. The mother of these children died on June 26, 1857, and on July 22, 1858, the Squire married Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Custer) Smith, to which latter union were born three children, Rienzi, Rolla and Glendora. The eldest of these children, Eugene F. Loudenback, father of the subject of this sketch, completed his schooling in Urbana University and afterward became associated with his father in the real estate and loan business, making his home at Westville. He married Martha McCormick, daughter of Jeremiah McCormick and wife, pioneers of this county, and to that union were born three children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only one now living. Eugene F. Loudenback continued in business with his father and was quite successful, but his promising business career was cut short by his early death. His widow did not long survive him.



Bereft of his parents in his youth, C. D. Loudenback was reared by his grandfather, and upon completing the course in his home school, took a course in Miami University at Oxford, this state, during which period of study his health began to fail and he went to Arizona, seeking restoration in the equable climate of that region. When restored to his wonted health Mr. Loudenback returned to this county and was engaged here in looking after his land interests until in 1907, when he became connected with the Northwestern Light and Power Company of Urbana and was made cashier of the same, a position he ever since has held. Mr. Loudenback is a Democrat, as were his father and his grandfather before him, and has ever given a good citizen's attention to political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On May 17, 1897, C. D. Loudenback was united in marriage to Lulu B. Winchester, daughter of Clement Winchester and wife, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Loudenback are attendants at the Universalist church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general social and cultural activities of their home town, and are helpful in promoting local good works. Mr. Loudenback is a member of the Springfield lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

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#### MINOR CARTMELL.

Minor Cartmell, one of the best-known of the older residents of Urbana, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a retired cabinet-maker and wood-worker, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm five miles west of West Jefferson, on the national road, in Madison county, August 18, 1845, a son of Joseph H. and Rebecca (Bayless) Cartmell, both of whom also were born in this state, the former in this county and the latter in the neighboring county of Madison.

Joseph H. Cartmell was born on a pioneer farm in Union township, this county, on October 23, 1809, son of John Cartmell and wife, the former of whom was one of four brothers who had come over here from Virginia about the year 1800 and had become pioneers of this county. John Cartmell settled in Union township and there he and his wife, Sophia Lance, established their home, early becoming recognized as among the leading and most influential pioneers of that section of the county. They were the parents of nine

children, of whom Joseph H. was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Nathaniel, who became a well-established farmer in Union township; Sarah, who married John McManaway, an auctioneer of Clark county, Ohio; Nancy, who married David L. Tullis; John, a farmer and merchant, who died at Marysville, in the neighboring county of Union; Isaiah, a farmer and stockman, of this county; Margaret, who married Seth Mahill, Thomas, a farmer of this county, who married Susanna Longbrake and during the period of the Civil War went to Illinois, where he spent the rest of his life, and William, who was a merchant at Marysville. Joseph H. Cartmell grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Union township and after his marriage to Rebecca Bayless, he rented a farm in Madison county, Ohio, on the National pike for five years, then established his home on a farm of his own in that same township, becoming a well-to-do farmer and stockman, and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on May 8, 1879, he then being sixty-nine years of age. His widow survived him for fourteen years, her death occurring at the home of her son, Minor Cartmell, on May 4, 1893, she being born on January 7, 1815. Joseph H. Cartmell and wife were the parents of four sons, those besides the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, being Joseph B., who died of measles in June, 1863, while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, he then being but twenty years of age; Sidney, who died in October, 1863, at the age of sixteen years, and Benjamin M., a farmer, now living at Columbus, Kansas.

Minor Cartmell grew up on the home farm in Union township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. On May 2, 1864, he then being eighteen years of age, he enlisted for service during the Civil War as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for the hundred-days service, and was mustered out on August 31 of that same year, returning home. On February 7, 1865, he re-enlisted as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Ohio, and with that command served until some months after the close of the war, receiving his final discharge on September 25, 1865. During the first period of his service Mr. Cartmell was located on the James river, near Richmond, and while there suffered a severe attack of measles, the same malady from which his elder brother had died in camp a year before. Upon going out with the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth he was stationed at Eminence, Kentucky, doing guard duty, and on May 12, 1865, marched with his command from Lexington to take a position at Cumberland Gap, one hundred and thirty-seven miles distant. At that latter place he was sta-

tioned until the middle of September, when the command marched back to Lexington and from there was returned to Columbus, where it was mustered out on September 25.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Cartmell returned home and began working as a cabinet-maker, later taking up carpenter work and wood turning and became a skilled workman along those lines, later opening a repair shop at Urbana, which he conducted until his retirement from business, since which time he has been "taking things easy" at his pleasant home in Urbana. Mr. Cartmell is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and has for years taken an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. As a member of one of the oldest families in Champaign county and a continuous resident of this county all his long and useful life, he is thoroughly familiar with the history of the county from pioneer days and his recollection of events previous to and during the war and of the later incidents which have gone to make up the history of the county is clear and illuminating.

Mr. Cartmell has been twice married. His first wife, who was Nancy Wilson, also a native of this county, died on May 9, 1908, and on September 15, 1910, Mr. Cartmell married Eleanor Hickman, of Columbus, Ohio, who died on February 24, 1911. To his first union five children were born, two of whom, Clifton W. and Florence M., died in youth, the others being Eveline, who lives in Urbana, widow of Pearl C. Todd; Clarence W., teller in the Champaign National Bank at Urbana, and Olive Lucile, who is at home with her father.

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### JOHN A. FOWHL.

The late John A. Fowhl, for years one of Urbana township's best-known and most substantial farmers, who died at his pleasant farm home in that township in the spring of 1912, was a native of the old Keystone state, but had been a resident of this county ever since the days of his young manhood. He was born in Pennsylvania on October 21, 1848, a son of Philip Fowhl and wife, farmers, who spent all their lives in that state.

Reared on the home farm in his native state, John A. Fowhl received his schooling in the schools of the neighborhood of his home and remained there until he was twenty-one years of age, when, in 1869, he came to this county and began working as a farm hand. He was active, energetic and enterprising and early began laying plans for buying a farm of his own

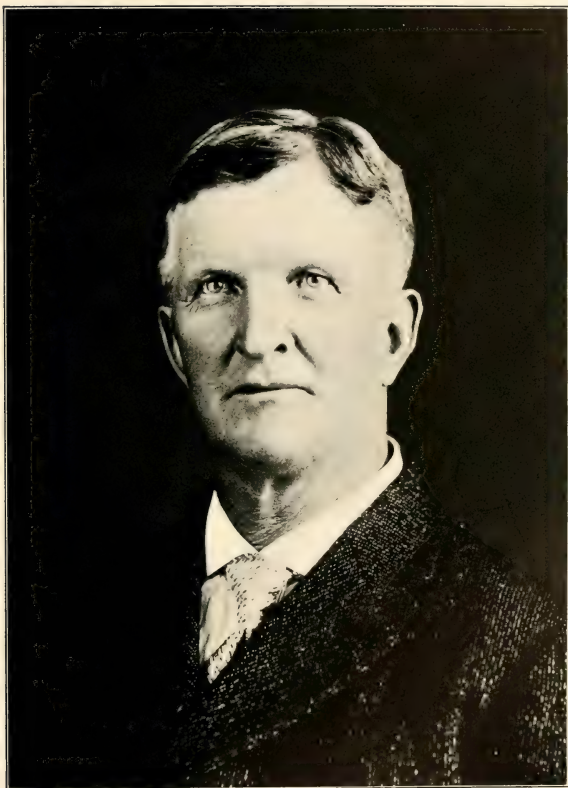
and it was not long until he was the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Urbana township, where he established his home after his marriage and where he spent the rest of his life, coming to be recognized as one of the leading farmers in that part of the county. Mr. Fowhl was a Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but was not a seeker after public office. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Urbana lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and took a warm interest in the affairs of that popular organization. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow, and gave proper attention to church work and other neighborhood good works, ever willing to add the weight of his influence to the promotion of such movements as were designed to advance the common welfare in any way.

It was in 1875 that John A. Fowhl was united in marriage to Margaret Henry, who also was born in York county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Samuel and Mary Henry, natives of that same state, who spent all their lives there. Mrs. Fowhl is the only member of her family who is a resident of Champaign county. Her husband died on May 20, 1912, and in the fall of that same year she left her home on the farm and moved to Urbana, where she has since resided and where she is very pleasantly situated. She takes an active interest in church work and is warmly devoted to community welfare work.

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### JAMES DALLAS WOODBURN.

One of the painstaking farmers of Urbana township, Champaign county, is James Dallas Woodburn, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1855. He is a son of John and Nancy Jane (Dallas) Woodburn, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Champaign county, Ohio. She was a daughter of one of the pioneer families of Urbana township and here she grew to womanhood and was married, but not long thereafter she removed with her husband to Pennsylvania. They remained there only a short time, returning to Champaign county, locating in Union township, near Mutual, where John Woodburn engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1859. Afterward his widow moved to Urbana township and made her home with her father, Judge James Dallas (her mother, Isabelle (Sprote) Dallas, having died before this), who came to Champaign county about the year 1810, locating in the wilderness, from which they carved out a farm on which they made



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their future home. In 1847 Mr. Dallas was appointed by the state Legislature to serve as associate judges in Champaign county, and he discharged the duties of this office in an able and satisfactory manner for a period of seven years. He also served as county commissioner for a number of years. He was largely instrumental in moving the court house from the public square in Urbana to its present appropriate site. He helped build the state road from Cincinnati to Cleveland. He was one of the most popular men of the county in his day and generation and did much for the general welfare of the same, especially along material and civic lines.

Three children were born to John Woodburn and wife, James D., of this sketch, being the eldest; John L., living in Urbana township, and Margaret Ellen, who died in 1878.

James D. Woodburn grew to manhood on the home farm and received his education in the district schools of his township. He remained at home, assisting with the general work on the farm, until, in partnership with his brother, John L., he began farming for himself on a place of sixty-five acres, which they purchased; also rented a large acreage. They continued to farm in partnership until 1901. They had been very successful and became well known all over the county on account of the excellent quality of the seed corn they raised, known as the Woodburn corn, which is still very extensively used in northwestern Ohio. They were both men of progressive ideas along agricultural lines. Upon dissolving partnership they each secured farms of their own. James D. Woodburn is now owner of one of the choicest farms of his township, consisting of three hundred and thirty acres, most of which lies in the Mad River valley. It is under a fine state of improvement and cultivation. He carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He has also fed large numbers of cattle and hogs for the market annually. He has a comfortable home in the midst of attractive surroundings and substantial outbuildings.

Mr. Woodburn was married in 1881 to Amanda E. Dickinson, a daughter of Duncan and Julia (Carpenter) Dickinson, and to their union five children have been born, namely: Lemuel Ansel, now working in the Champaign National Bank at Urbana; Eva C., at home; Grace, Sarah and Robert, all deceased.

Politically, Mr. Woodburn is a Republican and was formerly a member of the local school board. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was at one time a steward, and has long been active in church affairs.

## RICHARD S. PEARCE.

Richard S. Pearce, agent for the Ohio Fuel Supply Company of Urbana and former treasurer of Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm a few miles east of the city of Urbana on August 31, 1846, son of Harvey C. and Beulah (Barrett) Pearce, the former of whom was the second child born in the vicinity of the present site of the city of Urbana and the latter of whom was a daughter of Capt. Abner Barrett, one of the most prominent pioneers of this county and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Harvey C. Pearce was born on a pioneer farm covering the site of the present city of Urbana, January 20, 1805, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Collins) Pearce, who had come up from Kentucky and had settled there in the summer of 1801, among the very first settlers of the region now comprised within the boundaries of Champaign county. Thomas Pearce, who was a soldier of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War, was born in the City of New York on January 1, 1745, and on January 1, 1768, married Mary Barnes, who bore him ten children, Joseph, Lewis, Elizabeth, Thomas, James, John, Jane, Jesse, Mary and Andrew. He made his home in Frederick county, Maryland, and served as a member of the regiment from that county in the army of General Washington during the War of Independence and was present with that army at the surrender of General Cornwallis on October 19, 1781. Some time after the close of the war his first wife died and on July 7, 1799, he married Elizabeth Collins, who bore him seven children, William, Milton, Harvey C., Clarissa, Wesley, Rhuey and Sarah. In the meantime he had moved from Maryland to Kentucky and after a residence of several years in the latter state, came up into Ohio (in 1801) and settled on land now occupied by the city of Urbana, erecting there a house and establishing his home. That house, which stood about where the present City Building stands, was the first house built in Urbana and in the same, in 1803, was born Milton Pearce, the first child born there, the second child born in that vicinity being Harvey C. Pearce, father of the subject of this sketch, who was born in a house which Thomas Pearce built on what is now known as the Kenaga farm, just east of the city, in the summer and fall of 1803. On this latter place Thomas Pearce spent the rest of his life, becoming one of the substantial and useful pioneers of that section and a strong factor in the bringing about of proper social and economic conditions

in that then new country. Before moving to his second place he had cleared a field on his first settlement, including the present Monument Square and the business section of the city of Urbana and had there raised some Indian corn and potatoes; it thus being undisputed that to this old Revolutionary soldier and stout-hearted pioneer belongs the honor of having been the first settler of what is now the populous and thriving county seat of Champaign county.

On the pioneer farm just east of the city Harvey C. Pearce grew to manhood, living there until his marriage on March 24, 1831, to Beulah Barrett, who was born in that same township in August, 1809, a daughter of Capt. Abner Barrett and wife, who were among the earliest and most influential pioneers of this county. After his marriage he began farming on his own account on a farm some miles east of the city and there remained, engaged in farming and stock raising until 1863, when he sold his farm and moved to Urbana, where he engaged in the shoe business and was thus quite successfully engaged until 1870, in which year he and his eldest son, Dr. H. C. Pearce, bought a farm and after that he gave his chief attention to the farm, though continuing to make his home in Urbana, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there on July 11, 1891, he then being in the eighty-seventh year of his age. His wife had preceded him to the grave some years. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four survived to mourn their father's departure, the subject of this sketch and his three brothers, Dr. H. C. Pearce, Dr. A. B. Pearce and J. W. Pearce. A local newspaper said of Harvey C. Pearce after his death in 1891 that "his kind and generous nature made it hard for him to refuse any request for aid or assistance and as a result he suffered many heavy financial losses by going security for those in whom he had the greatest confidence. He had a great ambition to see his children educated and to assist them in getting an education, but he was prevented from doing what he most desired by the financial reverses that came upon him from time to time by the payment of security debts. Notwithstanding his reverses he never got sour in his disposition nor did he lose his interest in the affairs of state, the church or the public schools. In all of these he took an active part. He was converted at a camp meeting held at Mechanicsburg nearly sixty-six years ago; at this meeting his sister, Clarissa, who is the only surviving member of a family of seventeen children, and who was permitted to be present at his funeral, was converted, as was also his sister Hester Shyrigh. He often referred to his sister Clarissa and to sister Shyrigh as his twin sisters. For nearly fifty years he was a

licensed exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal church and held some official relation to the church nearly all of the time he was connected with it. He was greatly blessed in all his labors by the assistance of a faithful, earnest and devoted Christian wife, who shared his joys and sorrows through a long and happy life—of nearly fifty-five years.”

In 1883 R. S. Pearce was elected county treasurer and served in that important public capacity for four years. From 1890 to 1898 he was secretary and superintendent of the Central Gas Company, and from July, 1898, to January, 1917, was agent of the same company. Since January, 1917, he has been agent of the Ohio Fuel Supply Company.

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### LAWRENCE FOX.

Lawrence Fox, one of Champaign county's well-to-do landowners now living retired at Urbana, is a native son of this county, born on a farm in Wayne township not far southeast of Kennard on February 25, 1856, a son of Patrick and Ann (Boland) Fox, natives of Ireland and substantial farming people in the Kennard neighborhood, where their last days were spent.

Patrick Fox was born in Kings county in the Emerald Isle on March 17, 1817, and he remained in his native land until he was twenty-seven years of age, when, in 1848, he came to the United States and made his way on out into Ohio, locating in this county, presently going on down to Springfield, where he acquired a bit of town property and where he married Ann Boland, also a native of Ireland, born in Kings county, who had come to this country with her widowed mother in 1849 and had settled at Springfield. Not long after his marriage Patrick Fox returned to Champaign county, having traded his property in Springfield for a small tract of land belonging to John Young southeast of Kennard and there he and his wife established their home. In addition to his farming, Patrick Fox also for some time operated a cooper shop at that place, and as he prospered in his operations added to his holdings until he became the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and fifteen acres and another of eighty-five acres. He and his wife were earnest members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. He died on January 4, 1908, and she died on May 12, 1901. There were eleven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Mary, who died on March 25, 1906, in Kansas; Michael, a farmer, of Wayne town-

ship, this county; Margaret, unmarried, who continues to live on the old home place; John, also a Wayne township farmer; Elizabeth, who died on September 16, 1894; James, who died on May 16, 1864, in his youth; Marcella and Martha, twins, unmarried, who are still living on the old home place in Wayne township; Martin, a railroad man who lives near Columbus, and Edward, who is farming the old home place.

Lawrence Fox was reared on the paternal farm in Wayne township, where he was born, and received his schooling in the district school in that neighborhood. During his young manhood he was a valued assistant in the labors of improving and developing the home place, and then began working as a blacksmith in the shop of Benjamin Parker at Kennard, where he continued working at that trade until May 5, 1884, when he went to Kansas and began working at his trade at Larned. Two years later he put up a blacksmith shop of his own in that city and there remained thus engaged for more than twenty-three years, at the end of which time he returned to his old home in this county, prepared to retire from the active labors of life. That was in 1907 and since then Mr. Fox has been living at Urbana, where he is very comfortably situated. He has invested in real estate in that city and in the county and besides owning property in Urbana is the owner of a quarter of a section of land on Pretty Prairie in Urbana township and a farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres south of Kennard. His daughter, who makes her home with him, is the owner of a farm of eighty-six acres and one of one hundred and thirty-four acres.

Mr. Fox has been twice married. By his first wife, who was Martha Mullins and who died on March 9, 1904, he was the father of three children, a daughter, Neva, and two who died in Kansas. His daughter, Neva, was married on May 16, 1917, to Clarence Horning, of Indianapolis; he is a machinist by trade. The mother of these children died in 1904 and Mr. Fox later married Alice Fennessy, of Urbana, who died on February 3, 1914, and to that union was born a child, a son, who died in infancy. Mr. Fox and his daughter are members of the Catholic church and take a proper interest in local parish affairs. Mr. Fox is a member of the local branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and of the Knights and Ladies of Security, and in the affairs of these several organizations takes a warm interest. During the first few years of his residence in Kansas, Mr. Fox saw some mighty "hard times," but he overcame the initial obstacles that confronted him and his efforts finally met with substantial reward, so that his later years have been pretty well relieved of material worries and he has a competence to provide for his declining years.



## ALVIN IVINS.

The late Alvin Ivins, formerly and for years one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial retired farmers, who died at his beautiful home, "The Oaks," at Urbana, in August, 1911, was a native son of Ohio and lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Lebanon, in Warren county, January 1, 1856, son of Wesley and Matilda (Hathaway) Ivins, the former of whom was born in that same county, a son of Barzilla Ivins, a native of New Jersey, and one of the earliest settlers of Warren county, who became an extensive landowner and a large cattle dealer there. Wesley Ivins grew up to the same vocation and was for years recognized as one of the leading farmers and cattlemen in and about Lebanon, a large landowner and a man of much influence in the community in which he spent all his life.

Reared on his father's large stock farm in the vicinity of Lebanon, Alvin Ivins completed his schooling in the Lebanon Normal School and after his marriage when twenty years of age began farming on his own account on a farm in the vicinity of Middletown over in the neighboring county of Butler, where he established his home and where he remained, quite successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, until his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removal, in 1897, to Urbana, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on August 8, 1911. Upon moving to Urbana, Mr. Ivins bought "The Oaks," together with the grounds thereof, consisting of thirty-four acres, one of the most beautiful places in the county, and there he and his family became very comfortably established, his widow still maintaining her home there. He was a Republican in his political affiliation and was ever interested in political affairs, but had not held public office, never having been a seeker after the rewards of political service.

Alvin Ivins was united in marriage to Lulu Belle Surface, who was born near Waynesboro, this state, a daughter of Elias and Adeline (Thomas) Surface, both natives of this state, the former born near Springboro, and the latter near Cincinnati. Elias Surface was a large landowner and stockman and was an active and influential citizen. He and his wife were members of the United Brethren church and ever took an earnest interest in church work. She died in 1878, and he survived until February 27, 1915.

To Alvin and Lulu Belle (Surface) Ivins were born four children, all of whom completed their schooling in the university at Urbana, namely:



Beatrice, who married Edward McLain, of Urbana, and has one child, a daughter, Mary; Eva, who married William Cary, a mailing clerk in the postoffice at Urbana, and has two sons, William and Richard; Maude, who married Ivan Clark, a bookkeeper in the Mad River Bank at Springfield, and has three children, Helen, Robert and Frederick, and Luttie, who married Samuel Stone, a hardware merchant of St. Paris, this county, and has two children, Ferdinand and Nancy. Mrs. Ivins is a member of the Presbyterian church and has ever taken a warm interest in church work, as well as in the general social activities of her home town, and has been helpful in many ways in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare of the community at large.

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### DUNCAN McDONALD.

The McDonald family has been identified with the history of Champaign county since 1820 and during all these years have been prominent factors in the development of every phase of the county. The first member of the family to come to Urbana was Duncan McDonald, who settled here in 1820 and made this his home until his death in 1891. Born in Ross county, Ohio, November 5, 1802, a son of Archibald and Margaret (McDonald) McDonald, both of whom were natives of Scotland, Duncan McDonald had that rich heritage of Scottish traditions which made the family one of the most highly respected in the county.

To trace the early history of the McDonald family is to return to Scotland. Archibald McDonald was born in Glencoe, Scotland, October 11, 1759, and his wife, Margaret McDonald (of the same name, but no relation) was born in the shire of Sutherland, Scotland, May 18, 1770. Archibald McDonald was a son of William and Elizabeth (Douglas) McDonald. William McDonald was born in 1727, his wife in 1730, and both in Sutherlandshire, Scotland. William McDonald was married in his native country and brought his family to America before the Revolutionary War. William McDonald and wife were the parents of Archibald, John, William, Hugh, Colin, Duncan, James and Elizabeth.

Archibald McDonald was only sixteen years of age when the Revolutionary War opened, but before the war had progressed very far he enlisted and took an active part in the struggle until the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in October, 1781. Most of his service was under the famous Captain Tibbetts and it is through his valiant service that his descendants are entitled

to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution. Shortly after the close of the war he was married and at once left for the far West to make his home.

And so it came about that the first McDonald made his home in Ohio. Archibald and his young wife finally located near the site of the present city of Chillicothe on the banks of Paint creek. It was here in the midst of the most primitive conditions that Duncan McDonald, the first of the name, was born in 1802, as before stated.

To continue the history of Duncan McDonald from the time of his arrival in Urbana in 1820 until his death in 1891 would be to follow the industrial history of the city for seventy years. Shortly after locating here he began clerking in the general store of Marcus Heylin and, like many another clerk before him, eventually married the daughter of his employer. This store stood on the corner now occupied by Hatton's drug store, formerly the site of the Doolittle tavern, which housed General Hull during the War of 1812. In the course of time McDonald bought an interest in the store and still later he and his two brothers, William and Colin, became the sole owners. They finally discontinued the sale of groceries and hardware and confined all their attention to the sale of dry goods and built up the largest mercantile establishment in the town. He retired from active participation in business in 1860, but before that time had built the present three-story brick building, which is still in the possession of the Duncan McDonald heirs, having come to them through their mother, Esther Heylin.

Duncan McDonald was twice married. His first marriage was to Eleanor Wallace and by this first marriage he had two children, Henry D., born in 1831, and Sarah, the widow of the late Jeremiah Dueul. Some years after the death of his first wife, Mr. McDonald married Esther Heylin, and to this second marriage five children were born: Marcus, Jane, Duncan, Heylin and Ellen. Two of these children, Stansbury and Ellen, are living in Urbana. The two brothers died less than one year ago.

The Heylin family was one of the earliest to locate in Urbana, coming to this city from Mercer county, Pennsylvania. Marcus Heylin, the head of the family, opened a store on the site of the old Doolittle tavern, as before stated. His store was one of the famous trading posts of the Indians in this section of the state and there was no merchant in the town, or in this section, who was able to get along with the Indians better than Heylin. The Wyandotte Indians were his especial favorites among all the Indians who wandered up and down the Mad River valley. Marcus Heylin and his wife were the

parents of eight children: Isaiah, Isaac James, Newton, Eliza, Esther C., Udorah, Jane and Vashti.

Duncan McDonald spent the last few years of his life in retirement. After a long period of service in the mercantile field he turned his business over to others and spent his days in a general supervision of his many interests. He died in 1891, his wife having passed away four years previously. He was a life-long Republican, an active worker in the Presbyterian church and for forty years was an elder in the church. At his death the city lost one of its staunchest business men and one who had taken an active part in everything pertaining to its general welfare.

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### EDWARD INSKEEP.

Edward Inskeep, formerly manager of the plant and business of the McCoy Canning Company at Urbana and for years one of the active and influential factors in the industrial life of that city, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in Brown county on September 8, 1848, son of Fountain and Ella (West) Inskeep, both of whom also were born in this state, members of pioneer families. Fountain Inskeep was a well-to-do farmer in Brown county and there he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are still living.

Reared on the home farm, Edward Inskeep received his schooling in the common schools of Brown county and grew to manhood on the farm. He was married when twenty-one years of age and began business for himself by starting a lumber yard at Russellville and was thus engaged in the lumber business at that place for fifteen years, the last few years of which time he also operated a lumber mill and a spoke and wheel factory in connection with his lumber yard. His mill was destroyed by fire and he did not rebuild, but instead engaged in the flour-milling business and in the operation of a canning factory at Russellville, remaining thus engaged there until 1894, in which year he moved to Circleville, where he was engaged in the canning business until 1904, the year in which he transferred his residence to Urbana, where he ever since has made his home and where he has done very well in his business operations. Upon moving to Urbana, Mr. Inskeep organized the McCoy Canning Company, the first concern to engage in the canning business in that city, and was made general manager of the plant, a

position he occupied until his retirement from active business in 1916, after having been engaged in the canning business for a period of thirty years.

In 1869 Edward Inskeep was united in marriage to Mary Myers and to this union six children have been born, three of whom, G. W., Ira and Myrtle, are living. G. W. Inskeep married Sarah Johnson and has one child, a son, Harold. Ira Inskeep married Mary Retman and has six children, Eleanor, Margaret, Carl, Alva, Paul and Birdella. Myrtle Inskeep married John Rowe and has six children, Helen, Martha, Ethelda, Mary Frances, Evelyn and Wayne. The Inskeeps are pleasantly situated at Urbana and have ever since taking up their residence there taken a proper part in the general social activities of the city. Mr. Inskeep is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, which he has served as chancellor commander. He also has served as noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge and in the affairs of all the orders to which he is attached takes a warm interest. During his active connection with the business and industrial concerns of the community, Mr. Inskeep acted with invariable public spirit and has done well his part in advancing the material interests of the city of his later choice.

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### WHEELER HUBBARD.

Wheeler Hubbard, well-known dairyman at Urbana, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Urbana since 1884. He was born in the city of Bellefontaine, in the neighboring county of Logan, April 20, 1858, son of William and Ella (McCracken) Hubbard, both of whom also were born in the state, the former at West Liberty and the latter in Muskingum county. William Hubbard grew to manhood in West Liberty, receiving his schooling in the schools of that place, and early in life engaged in newspaper work at Bellefontaine, for many years being connected with the old *Logan Gazette* in that city. He later moved to Napoleon, this state, where he became connected with the *Northwest*, and there he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1872. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1897. They were members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in the faith of that communion. There were nine of these children, of whom two are now living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Margaret, widow of Arthur Hayes, of Bellefontaine.

Completing his schooling in the schools of Napoleon, Wheeler Hubbard early became engaged working in the woolen mills at that place and in 1875 returned to his old home at Bellefontaine, taking employment in the woolen mills of that city, and was there thus engaged until 1884, two years after his marriage, when he moved to Urban and was there connected with the work of the woolen mills in that city until 1907, when he started his present dairy business there and has since been thus engaged. Mr. Hubbard has a well-equipped dairy farm on the outskirts of the city and has done very well in his operations in that connection. His herd consists of a dozen or more selected stock and he has created a wide and profitable demand for the products of his dairy.

In 1882 Wheeler Hubbard was united in marriage to Addie Edwards, who also was born in Logan county, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Jennie, wife of Dr. Nelson Rhodes, of Urbana, who has two children, Mefford and William; William, who married Helen Leonard and is engaged in the jewelry business at Urbana, and Harold, who married Leanna McDonald and is engaged in the jewelry business at Bellefontaine. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper part in church work. Mr. Hubbard is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs.

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#### HYLAS DELMARE LOUDENBACK.

The late Hylas Delmare Loudenback, for years a well-known grain dealer at Westville and proprietor of a flourishing phosphate mill at that place, was a native son of this county and spent all his life here. He was born in the town of Westville, Mad River township, July 25, 1853, son of David and Charlotte (Hibbert) Loudenback, prominent and influential residents of that community, the former of whom by reason of his long service as justice of the peace in and for Mad River township was widely known throughout this section as Squire Loudenback.

Squire Loudenback was a Virginian, born on March 20, 1808, who came to this county as a young man and was for some time thereafter engaged in teaching school and in conducting singing-schools, in which latter capacity he became widely known. He presently became a large landowner and rented his properties and loaned money, and as he prospered added to his holdings until he became one of the most extensive landowners in this



county and a man of large and useful influence. For years he served the people of Mad River township as justice of the peace and in that capacity his rulings and judgments were accepted as final by the people of that community, for they ever were based upon justice and equity. Squire Loudenback was twice married. By his first wife he had ten children and by his second wife, Bettie Ann Smith, three. Of these thirteen children but three grew to maturity, the subject of this memorial sketch and Eugene and Rolla Loudenback, the latter of whom also are now deceased.

Reared on the paternal farm in Mad River township, H. D. Loudenback received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and upon leaving school became engaged in the grain business at Westville and later established a phosphate mill at that place, which he operated successfully until the time of his death on May 12, 1892, he then being under forty years of age. Mr. Loudenback not only was an excellent business man, but he had many fine qualities of head and heart which greatly endeared him to his family and many friends in this county and his early demise was sincerely mourned throughout the large circle of his acquaintances. In his political affiliations Mr. Loudenback was a Democrat and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but was not a seeker after public office. By religious persuasion he was a Universalist and took an active interest in the affairs of the church of that denomination.

On October 30, 1873, H. D. Loudenback was united in marriage to Mary Stover, who also was born in Mad River township, this county, daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Snyder) Stover, the former of whom was born in western Virginia and the latter in this county. Elias Stover was twenty-five years of age when he came to this county and bought a small farm in Mad River township, where, after his marriage, he established his home and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. As he prospered in his undertakings he added to his holdings and eventually became the owner of a fine farm of four hundred and seventy-five acres. He and his wife were of the most hospitable character and their comfortable home ever was open to all comers, so that it came to be known locally as the "Virginia Hotel," on account of so many travelers and new settlers in an early day being given the advantage of the hospitality of the Stover home. Mr. and Mrs. Stover were the parents of eight children, those besides Mrs. Loudenback being Johnson, Daniel, William, Catherine, Joseph, Lavina and one who died in infancy.

To Hylas D. and Mary (Stover) Loudenback were born two children,



Maude Charlotte and Harry Carlton, the former of whom married Harry N. Kirby and died on September 27, 1910, leaving two children, John Sherwood and Edwin Delmare Kirby. Harry C. Loudenback married Caroline W. Cannon and to this union one child has been born, a son, Donald C., now deceased. Some time after the death of her husband Mrs. Loudenback moved to Urbana, where she is now living and where she is very comfortably situated. She has a pleasant home there and takes a warm interest in the general good works of the community, helpful in promoting all worthy causes for the advancement of the general welfare.

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### GEORGE HARVEY HUMPHREYS.

The late George Harvey Humphreys, an honored veteran of the Civil War and for years a well-known undertaker and funeral director at Urbana, was born in the neighboring county of Clark, but had been a resident of Urbana since the early seventies, when he engaged in business there and was thus engaged until the time of his death early in 1916. He was born on November 27, 1842, son of James and Catherine (Kiefer) Humphreys, substantial farming people of Clark county, whose last days were spent in that county.

James Humphreys was born in Geneva county, Virginia, September 12, 1791, and Catherine Kiefer was born in Washington county, Maryland, March 2, 1804. They were married on April 15, 1824, and settled on a farm in Clark county, this state, where they established a comfortable home and spent the rest of their lives, Mrs. Humphreys living to the age of nearly eighty years, her death occurring on April 3, 1883. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the ninth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Margaret, born on June 23, 1825, who married Henry Grube on September 21, 1847; Amanda, who on December 23, 1852, married John Anderson; John Albert and George Kiefer, twins, born on July 26, 1830, the former of whom on December 29, 1858, married Margaret Martin, and the latter of whom died in childhood; Mary B., September 21, 1832, who married John A. Lutz on June 14, 1855; Robert, now deceased, born on November 21, 1834, who married Sarah E. Carpenter on November 22, 1860; James Ward, February 24, 1837, who married Harriet A. Holloway on November 10, 1864; Emma, March 26, 1840, who on October 30, 1879, married Thomas W. Leshner and after his

death married Thomas Thayer, and Charles Henry, September 24, 1848, who married Effie McDonald on October 14, 1869.

George H. Humphreys was reared on the paternal farm and was completing his studies at Wittenburg College when the Civil War broke out. Though but eighteen years of age at the time, he enlisted on August 20, 1861, as a member of the Sixteenth Ohio Battery and went to the front, serving with that command until he was mustered out on August 2, 1865, with the rank of corporal. During his long period of service Mr. Humphreys was in all the battles and skirmishes participated in by his command, some of the most important engagements of the war, and escaped without a serious wound, though for a short time he was on the sick list. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Humphreys returned to the home farm in Clark county and after his marriage in 1868 continued to live there for a year, at the end of which time he moved to the Robert S. Miller farm, where he remained a couple of years. He then took charge of the Charles Wilson farm and spent a year there, engaged in farming on a large scale, and then, in 1872, moved to Urbana, where he bought an established undertaking business and continued conducting that business the rest of his life, becoming recognized as one of the leading undertakers and funeral directors in this part of the state. Mr. Humphreys was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Urbana, was a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Presbyterian church, in the affairs of all of which organizations he ever took a warm interest. He was well known throughout the county and his death on February 27, 1916, was widely mourned.

It was on December 31, 1868, that George H. Humphreys was united in marriage, in Clark county, to Ida L. Miller, of Enon, that county, a daughter of Robert Simpson and Elizabeth (Shellenbarger) Miller, both natives of that same county and members of pioneer families there. Robert S. Miller was a landowner and a merchant at Enon, later moving to Dayton, where for five years he was engaged in the grocery business, afterward retiring from business and moving back to the farm at Enon and then moved back to Enon, where he and his wife died. Robert S. Miller was a staunch Republican and he and his wife were originally members of the Presbyterian church, but later became affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of three daughters, those besides Mrs. Humphreys being Margaret, who married Dr. Alonzo Becker, of Springfield, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, and Bethenia, widow of Edward Kiefer, of Clark county.

To George H. and Ida L. (Miller) Humphreys two sons were born. Robert Earl and Harry French, the latter of whom, born on October 8, 1876, died at the age of four years and two weeks. Robert Earl Humphreys, born on May 11, 1872, grew up at Urbana and completed his schooling at Wittenburg College at Springfield, afterward being taken into his father's undertaking establishment at Urbana as a partner in the concern, and since the death of his father has continued conducting the business. He married Rovilla Edna Mumper and has one child, a son, Robert Mumper Humphreys. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Humphreys has continued to make her home in Urbana, where she is very pleasantly situated, the Humphreys residence being one of the fine old homes on Sciota street. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and has for many years given her earnest attention to local good works, ever helpful in promoting movements looking to the advancement of the common welfare hereabout.

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#### ALBERT F. LEWIS.

Albert F. Lewis, well-known building contractor at Urbana, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, with the exception of ten years—1886 to 1897 at Chicago, Illinois. He was born at Bowlsville, in the neighboring county of Clark, July 28, 1853, son of Cyrus E. and Ann (Given) Lewis, the former a native of that same county and the latter of Pennsylvania, who later came to this county and after several years spent on a farm moved to Urbana, where they spent their last days.

Cyrus E. Lewis was reared on a farm in Clark county and received his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, later taking up farming with his father and was thus engaged in that county for some time. He married Ann Given, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Taty Given and wife, who came to this county when their daughter, Ann, was ten years of age and settled on a farm in the southern part of the county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Cyrus Lewis was a son of Britan Lewis and wife, the latter of whom was a Ward. In the early fifties Cyrus E. Lewis moved up from Clark county into Champaign county with his family and here farmed for several years, at the end of which time he moved to Urbana, where he engaged in the teaming business and was thus engaged the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, four of whom are still living, the

subject of this sketch having a brother, George Lewis, living in Chicago, and two sisters, Elizabeth and Mary, living at Urbana.

Albert F. Lewis received his early schooling in the schools of Tremont City, over in Clark county, and at a normal school in the same town. He early became engaged as a carpenter and after awhile became a building contractor on his own account, a vocation he ever since has followed, for many years having been one of the best-known building contractors in this county. In 1894 he entered an architectural college at Chicago, where he took a thorough course in architectural details and drawing and has since then been the architect of the most of the buildings he has been called on to construct, his designs being up-to-date and in full accord with the modern tendency, both in commercial and residential architecture. Mr. Lewis not only has erected some of the most notable buildings in Urbana, but many of the handsomest residence throughout the county and is well established in business. In his political affiliation he is a Republican, but has not been a seeker after public office.

Mr. Lewis has been twice married. It was in 1884 that he was united in marriage to Emma Skeen, a daughter of Joseph Skeen and wife, and to that union was born one child, a son, Dr. Lawrence J. Skeen, a well-known veterinary surgeon at Urbana. After the death of his first wife Mr. Lewis married Belle Delhausen, daughter of Jacob Delhausen and wife, and to this union two children have been born, J. Warren and Howard F. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of their home town.

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#### E. L. BODEY.

E. L. Bodey, attorney-at-law at Urbana, a member of the law firm of Deaton, Bodey & Bodey, former mayor of the city of Urbana and one of the best-known lawyers in this part of the state, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived in this county all his life. He was born on a farm in Adams township, January 28, 1867, son of the Rev. Christian and Naomi (Sheppard) Bodey, useful and influential residents of that community, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter in Coshocton county, both now deceased.

The Rev. Christian Bodey, who for the last twenty years of his active



E. L. BODEY.







life was widely known throughout western Ohio as a minister of the United Brethren church, was born on the old Bodey farm in Johnson township, two and one-half miles north of Millerstown, a son of Harrison and Nancy (Long) Bodey, the former of whom had come to this county from Virginia with his father, Christian Bodey, in 1815, the family settling on land acquired from the government by the pioneer, Christian Bodey, in what later came to be organized as Johnson township. The pioneer Christian Bodey was a Virginian and a son of Frederick Bodey, who was one of the considerable company of soldiers that the government of George III secured from the Duke of Hesse to help the British troops in their attempt to suppress the rebellion in the American colonies and who had been quite content when finally compelled to lay down his reluctant arms to put in his lot with the colonists and to become a citizen of the great new land on this side of the water. Frederick Bodey settled in the beautiful Shenandoah valley in Virginia, married and established his home there and there spent the rest of his life, happily engaged in the peaceful pursuit of agriculture, and one of his sons, Christian Bodey, grew up there and when seeking a home of his own came out into this then new country and settled in this county. Indians still were numerous hereabout in those days, but, undaunted, he entered upon the reclamation of the tract he had secured from the government and in due time had a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm there. On that farm Harrison Bodey remained all his life, a substantial farmer and there his son Christian was reared, afterward locating on a farm of his own in Adams township and continuing farming during his active life in addition to his services to the community as a minister of the gospel. In the later years of his life the Rev. Christian Bodey retired from the farm and moved to St. Paris, where his last days were spent. He and his wife were the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter, the latter of whom, Nellie, is deceased, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Perry and Samuel Bodey.

E. L. Bodey grew up on the home farm in Adams township and supplemented the schooling received in the district school in the neighborhood of his home by a course in the high school at Urbana, after which, in 1886, he began teaching school at the old Comer school in Concord township and for fourteen years was engaged in teaching in this county, the last seven years of which service was spent in the school at Westville. In the meantime Mr. Bodey had been pursuing the study of law in the office of C. E. Buroker, at St. Paris, and in June, 1900, was admitted to the bar. On

January 2, 1901, he opened an office for the practice of his profession at Urbana and was there engaged in practice alone until in December, 1913, when he formed a partnership with S. S. Deaton, under the firm name of Deaton & Bodey, which mutually agreeable arrangement continues, with the addition, however, recently, of another member of the firm in the person of Mr. Bodey's son, Lowell C. Bodey, who was admitted to the firm on July 1, 1916. Mr. Bodey is a Democrat and has ever taken an active interest in the political affairs of the county. During his residence in Westville he served for some time as justice of the peace in and for Mad River township and in 1907 was elected mayor of Urbana, serving in that important executive office for two years, or until January, 1910. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masons and has risen to the Royal Arch degree in that ancient order; he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

On February 14, 1888, E. L. Bodey was united in marriage to Rachel M. Grove, who was born in Adams township, this county, daughter of David and Elizabeth Grove, and to this union two children have been born, Lowell C. and Ruth, who died 1899, aged two years. Lowell C. Bodey was born in 1891 and, following his graduation from the Urbana high school, entered Wittenberg College at Springfield, from which institution he received his bachelor degree in 1913. Thus equipped by preliminary study, he entered the Cincinnati Law School and was graduated from that institution in June, 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the following month he was admitted to partnership with his father and Mr. Deaton. Of the two hundred and seventy-two applicants for admission to the bar in the state of Ohio in 1916 Lowell C. Bodey rated second in the examination and was but four-tenths of one per cent. behind the first man.

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### JOHN RHODES.

John Rhodes, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a well-known retired merchant, of Urbana, was born in that city and has lived there all his life. He was born in a house which stood on the present site of the Clifford theater, October 11, 1842, son of Nelson and Sarah J. (Converse) Rhodes, well-known residents of Urbana at that time. The house in which he was born is still standing, long ago having been moved to South Main street, and is still in use. Nelson Rhodes was born in this county, a son of John Rhodes and wife, Virginians, the first of the name to come to this part of Ohio.

John Rhodes, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, came to this part of Ohio in pioneer days and established his home in the immediate vicinity of Springfield, which then was in Champaign county, and there he spent the remainder of his life, an energetic and influential pioneer of that community. Nelson Rhodes was reared on the pioneer farm of his father and early began taking an active part in local political affairs in Champaign county. He served for years as a justice of the peace and also for years as clerk of courts for this county, making his home at Urbana. He was killed in a runaway accident, being thrown from his buggy, in 1878, and his widow survived him many years, her death occurring on December 13, 1913. They were active members of the Presbyterian church and were the parents of four sons, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born and now the only survivor, the others having been William, a former justice of the peace and clerk of the court for this county, who also for years was a dry-goods merchant at Urbana; Edwin, who was a tinner and whose last days were spent in New York, and Charles, who died in infancy.

John Rhodes was reared at Urbana and received his schooling in the schools of that city. When eighteen years of age he began working as a carpenter and was thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. In December, 1863, he then being twenty-one years of age, Mr. Rhodes enlisted for service in the Union army and was presently attached to the troop which served as a mounted body-guard for President Lincoln and he was thus serving at the time of the President's assassination, his station having been at Washington. Mr. Rhodes was the only person from Champaign county thus to be made a part of the President's personal guard. During that period of his service he had one of the finest horses in the United States cavalry service and this horse was a great favorite of the lamented little "Tad" Lincoln, the President's youngest son, and the lad often was given permission by his father to ride the horse in company with Mr. Rhodes, who thus became intimately acquainted with the President and the Lincoln family. Mr. Rhodes received his honorable discharge from the army in September, 1865, and upon the completion of his military service returned home and resumed his vocation as a carpenter at Urbana, being thus engaged until after his marriage in the spring of 1880, when he engaged in the grocery business at Urbana, starting a store at the corner of North Main street and Church street in July of that year. For seventeen years Mr. Rhodes continued in business at that corner and then moved his store to the Brand & Warnock building, where he continued in business for three years, or until his retirement. During much of that time Mr. Rhodes, always a lover of

fine horses, was engaged in the buying and selling of horses and became recognized as one of the best horsemen in this part of the state.

It was on April 29, 1880, that John Rhodes was united in marriage to Minnie Mefford, who was born at Mt. Vernon, in Knox county, this state, daughter of Judge William M. and Sarah J. (Patrick) Mefford, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Dr. Nelson M. Rhodes, a graduate of the Cleveland Medical College, now practicing at Urbana, who married Jennie Hubbard and has two children, Mefford and William; Ada, who married W. O. Taylor, an electrical engineer in New York City, and Sara Ward, a trained nurse, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rhodes is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an earnest interest in church work. Mr. Rhodes is an active member of Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana, and has for years given his earnest attention to the affairs of that patriotic organization.

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### LEMUEL RUNYAN.

The late Lemuel Runyan, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a substantial retired farmer of this county, who died at his home in Urbana in the summer of 1915, was a member of one of the pioneer families of this part of the state, as is his widow, the latter of whom, born in this county, is still living at Urbana. Lemuel Runyan was born on a pioneer farm in the neighboring county of Clark on July 2, 1842, son and only child of Peter Lynch and Sarah (Evans) Runyan, substantial residents in the neighborhood of Asbury church. Peter Lynch Runyan was born in that same county, son of George Runyan and wife, the latter of whom was a Lynch, natives of Virginia, who were among the earliest settlers in this part of the state, making their home in the neighborhood of Asbury church, in Clark county, in pioneer days and becoming useful and influential pioneers in that community, where their last days were spent. George Runyan was the first of his name to settle in this part of Ohio. He and his wife were the parents of five children, those besides Peter being George, John, Susan and Telitha. One of these daughters was captured by the Indians when a child and was scalped by the savages.

Peter L. Runyan grew up on the pioneer farm of his father in Clark county and in turn became a farmer on his own account, continuing thus engaged all his life. He was twice married, the subject of this sketch being

the only child of his union with Sarah Evans. His second wife was a Hendricks and to that union two children were born, a son, Lafayette Runyan, who is now living at Springfield, this state, and a sister, Susanna, who married Frank Yeazell and is also living at Springfield.

Lemuel Runyan was reared on the home farm in Clark county, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and was living there when the Civil War broke out. Though not yet nineteen years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union army in 1861 and went out as a sharpshooter in one of the local regiments, being later transferred to the cavalry, and served until the close of the war. During the latter part of this service he was severely wounded, but was not permanently disabled. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Runyan returned to his home and was there engaged in farming until after his marriage in 1874, when he moved over into this county and bought a farm in Union township, where he established his home and where he continued to reside until 1902, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Urbana, where he spent his last days, his death occurring on July 17, 1915. Mr. Runyan was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and took much interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

It was on February 18, 1874, in Union township, this county, that Lemuel Runyan was united in marriage to Lydia Alice Bayless, who was born in that township, a daughter of William Cavanaugh and Mary Ann (Colbert) Bayless, both of whom also were born in this country. William Cavanaugh Bayless was born in Union township, son of Hezekiah Bayless and wife, the latter of whom was a Stephens, natives of New Jersey, who were early settlers in Union township, the first of the Baylesses to settle in this county. Hezekiah Bayless and wife were among the best-known pioneers of the southeastern part of Champaign county and on their pioneer farm there they spent their last days. They were the parents of eight children, of whom William C. was the first-born, the others being as follow: John, who was a carpenter and whose last days were spent in the vicinity of Cincinnati; Burris, who went West and there spent his last days; Robert, also deceased, who was a carpenter at Mechanicsburg, this county; Daniel, also a carpenter, whose last days were spent at Mechanicsburg; Mrs. Susan Yocum, whose last days were spent in Kansas; Rebecca, who married Joseph Cartmell and lived near Mechanicsburg, and Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, also of this county. William C. Bayless grew up as a farmer and continued thus engaged all his life, one of the substantial farmers of Union township. He married Mary Ann Colbert and to that union five children were born, of whom Mrs. Run-



yan was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Nelson, a cabinet-maker, who married Lydia Limbell and a part of whose life was spent in the West, but whose last days were spent in Urbana, this county; Luretha, now living at Springfield, widow of Peter Igon; Elnora, widow of David Johnson, living near Union church, and Jennie, who married William Smith, after whose death she married Lorenzo Reid and is now living at **Rockford, Iowa.**

To Lemuel and Lydia A. (Bayless) Runyan five children were born, namely: Winifred, better known as "Win," a member of the Caswell-Runyan Company, manufacturers of cedar chests at Huntington, Indiana, who married Bertha L. Howard and has two children, Josephine and Dick; Bertha May, who finished her schooling in the college at Ada, married John Heaton Linville, a railway mail clerk at Urbana, and has three children, Dorothy Elizabeth, Naomi Ann and Robert Runyan; Ralph, a contractor at Lima, this state, who completed his schooling in the business college at Urbana, married Nellie Thomas and has two children, Roma Kathleen and Clara Elizabeth; Mary Alice, a graduate nurse, who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and Ruth Ann, who completed her schooling in the Toledo Conservatory of Music, at Toledo, Ohio, and married Stanley Kauffman, a manufacturer, of Bellefontaine, this state. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Runyan continues to make her home at Urbana, where she has a very pleasant home. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has ever taken an earnest interest in church work and in other local good works.

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#### HENRY SMITH.

A well-known farmer of Johnson township, this county, living on rural route No. 5, out of St. Paris, is Henry Smith, who was born in Craig county, Virginia, January 29, 1847, the son of James and Catherine (Deeds) Smith, both of whom were natives also of Virginia, where they grew to maturity and were married. About 1857 James Smith came with his family to Ohio, locating on a farm in Millerstown, Johnson township, this county. He was a potter by trade, and made pottery at Millerstown for several years, after which he moved to Bellefontaine, Ohio, where he followed his trade for some years. He then went south, where his death occurred, his wife having preceded him several years, her death occurring in Johnson township, this county. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom are now



living: Elizabeth, the widow of Henry Pence, living in Jackson township; Isabelle, widow of Harvey Sowers, now living in Clark county, Ohio; Nancy, the wife of William Sagers, of Fremont, Ohio; Joseph B., a farmer of Johnson township, who served in the Civil War; George, a truckman living in Johnson township, also served in the Civil War; Henry, of this sketch, and Sarah, wife of George Baker, of Grant county, Indiana.

Henry Smith came with his parents to Ohio from Virginia when he was about ten years old, and attended the district schools of his home neighborhood. At the age of seventeen he enlisted for service in the Civil War in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was said to be the best drilled company in the regiment, under Col. J. B. Armstrong, Lieut.-Colonel Todd and Capt. J. F. Reicard. This regiment was on the front line at Petersburg, and saw much hard service during the war. Mr. Smith served until the fall of 1864, when he was honorably discharged from the service. He returned to his home after being mustered out, and resumed work on the farm, and after his marriage located in Johnson township, where for twenty years he followed the carpentering and contracting business, but now devotes his time to operating his farm of thirty acres. He had at one time thirteen acres of fruit of all kinds. He built his present home in 1886, and made all the improvements just as they stand and set out all of the trees. He is a well-to-do man and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him.

On September 29, 1869, Henry Smith was united in marriage to Victoria Kite, who was born in Miami county, Indiana, on February 10, 1847, the daughter of Alvin Kite. Her parents came to Mad River township, this county, when she was a girl of about eight years of age, and she received her education in the district schools of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children living and one dead: Elmer, born July 22, 1870, a graduate of high school, taught school for a time, after which he took the civil service examination for the United States railway mail service, and is now a postal clerk on the Pennsylvania railroad, married Emma Grumpard; Estella, born January 27, 1875, is the widow of Frank Ofenbacher, and Lola, born September 30, 1882, the wife of Frank Poorman, living in Johnson township. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are earnest and devoted members of the Baptist church at Millerstown, and are active in the affairs of that congregation, Mr. Smith serving as deacon and trustee. He is a Republican in politics, and warmly interested in local public affairs, having held several township offices, in which he discharged his duties faithfully and well. He is a charter member of H. C. Scott Post No. 111, Grand

Army of the Republic, at St. Paris, Ohio, and has held some of the offices. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are popular in the social and religious circles of their community, and well known and highly esteemed by their neighbors and friends.

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### HARRY B. HULL.

Harry B. Hull, surveyor of Champaign county, was born at Ada, Ohio, September 9, 1885, son of Daniel J. and Jennie C. (Slechter) Hull, both also natives of Ohio, the former of whom was born in this county and the latter at Ada, who are still living at Urbana.

Daniel J. Hull, former sheriff of Champaign county and one of the best-known commercial salesmen traveling out of Urbana, was born on May 14, 1859, son of George and Mary Ann (Stout) Hull, both of whom were born in York county, New York, and who came to this county after their marriage in New York in 1851 and located at Mechanicsburg. Two years later they moved onto a farm in Salem township, from which they presently moved to a better farm in Union township and on this latter farm spent the remainder of their lives. George Hull was a blacksmith as well as a farmer and was for years one of the best-known men in his part of the county. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. She died on December 26, 1879, and he survived until July 21, 1901. Of the children born to them, six grew to maturity, those besides Daniel J. being Louise C., Dr. William H., Jesse E., George C. and Winfield. Upon completing the course in the local schools Daniel J. Hull took a course in the Northwestern Ohio Normal University at Ada and at the age of twenty-one entered the railway mail service and was thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time he became a traveling salesman and continued engaged in that capacity until his election to the office of sheriff of Champaign county. He was re-elected to that office, serving two terms, and upon retiring from office resumed his vocation as a traveling man and is still thus engaged. He was married in January, 1884, to Jennie C. Slechter, of Ada, this state, and to this union five children have been born, of whom the subject of this sketch is the first-born, the others being Claudine, Gladys, Dean and Elizabeth Louise.

Harry B. Hull was reared at Urbana and upon leaving high school took employment with the engineering corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, his first work in that connection being performed in connection with



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the double-tracking of that road from Bradford, Ohio, to Logansport, Indiana. He was thus engaged for one year, at the end of which time he began working in the office of C. S. Pratt, former surveyor of Champaign county. Two years later, having acquired a fine technical knowledge of surveying and civil engineering, Mr. Hull became engaged in private surveying and engineering on his own account and after two years thus engaged entered the county surveyor's office, then under the incumbency of R. F. Darnell, and two years later, in November, 1914, was elected county surveyor. Mr. Hull's services in behalf of the public in this important capacity proved so satisfactory that he was re-elected in the fall of 1916 and is now serving his second term as surveyor. Mr. Hull is a Republican, as was his father, and has from boyhood taken an active interest in local political affairs.

On June 19, 1912, Harry B. Hull was united in marriage to Nina Grace Roberts, daughter of Robert and Lillian Roberts, of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hull are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in the general social and cultural activities of their home town. Mr. Hull is a Knight Templar Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is also a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

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#### SIMEON McMORRAN.

Simeon McMorran, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Johnson township, who for some years past has been making his home in St. Paris, where he is looking after the interests of his farm lands and at the same time engaged in the real-estate business, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm one mile north of St. Paris, in Johnson township, March 9, 1856, son of Christian and Sarah (Loudenback) McMorran, both of whom also were born in this county and who spent all their lives here.

Christian McMorran was born on a pioneer farm south of St. Paris, in Jackson township, a son of Samuel McMorran and wife, early settlers of that part of Champaign county, who spent their last days on the old farm north of St. Paris. Samuel McMorran was a native of the state of Pennsylvania, who came into Ohio and after a brief residence at Dayton came to this county and entered a tract of land in Jackson township, where he established his home and where he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, influen-

tial and useful residents of that community. Samuel McMorran set apart a portion of his farm for the establishment of the Evergreen cemetery, and in later years deeding that farm to his son, John McMorran, created a reservation for cemetery purposes, this reservation later being enlarged by John McMorran as the cemetery gradually became crowded. On that pioneer farm Christian McMorran grew to manhood and after his marriage bought from his father a farm in Johnson township, one mile north of St. Paris and there established his home, becoming one of the most substantial and influential farmers in the western part of the county and the owner of six hundred acres of fine land. His first wife, Sarah Loudonback, was born on a pioneer farm in Mad River township, this county, a daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Wiant) Loudonback, who had come here from Virginia and were early settlers in Mad River township. He later married Susann Loudonback, a sister to the first wife, and four children were born of this second marriage. Christian McMorran was a Republican in his political allegiance and for some years served as trustee of his home township. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church at St. Paris and their children were reared in the faith of that communion. There were eight of these children, of whom two are now deceased, Ellen, who married Jason Kizer, and Abraham Lincoln, the latter of whom died at the age of sixteen years. The survivors, besides the subject of this sketch, are as follow: David, a well-known farmer of Johnson township; Barbara, wife of S. C. Nixon, of Deer Creek, Illinois; John P., who is living on the old home farm in Johnson township; Estella, wife of O. P. Mitchell, of Huntington county, Indiana, and Mary J., wife of William Heater, of St. Paris.

Simeon McMorran grew to manhood on the paternal farm north of St. Paris in Johnson township, receiving his schooling in the district school in that vicinity, and after his marriage began farming on his own account on a portion of the home farm and later became owner of one hundred and twenty acres of the same, which tract he still owns and to the operation of which he continues to give a good deal of his personal attention, although he retired from the active labors of the farm in 1910 and moved to St. Paris, where he since has made his home and where, in addition to looking after his farming interests, deals quite extensively in real estate. Mr. McMorran is the vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants Telephone Company and has done much to extend the interests of that important public utility. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist and has for years exerted his strong personal influence in behalf of the movement against the saloon traffic. He and his family are members of the Methodist



Episcopal church at St. Paris and for years Mr. McMorran has been a member of the official board of that church and one of the stewards. During his residence on the farm he for years served as a member of the school board in his local district and did much to advance the cause of the schools there.

Mr. McMorran has been twice married. His first wife, who was Flora McLean, of Union county, this state, died at her home in Johnson township six years after her marriage, leaving three children, namely: Neil A., who is living on the home farm; Sarah C., a graduate nurse, living in Columbus, Ohio, at Grant Hospital, and Ella May, who is living with her uncle, Jason Kizer, at Millerstown. On March 4, 1885, Simeon McMorran married, secondly, Mary Janett McLean and to this union two daughters have been born, Minnie J., wife of Floyd Berry, of Mad River township, and Ruth, who is at home with her parents. The McMorrans have a very pleasant home at St. Paris and take a proper part in the general social activities of their home town.

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### EARL L. WALTERS.

Among the influential and prominent citizens of Champaign county of the younger generation is Earl L. Walters, the popular and genial proprietor of a general store at Westville, Ohio, who was born in this village on August 10, 1881, the son and only child of Charles H. and Susan (Faulkner) Walters, the former of whom was a native of Virginia, and the latter of this county.

Charles H. Walters was born at Martinsburg, Berkley county, Virginia, April 21, 1842, the son of Michael and Catherine Walters, who came from Virginia to Clark county, Ohio, in 1854, when their son, Charles H., was a lad of twelve years. The family lived in Clark county for a few years, when they moved to Champaign county, locating first near Cable, and later moving to a farm in Salem township, where the parents lived the remainder of their lives. Susan Faulkner was born on a farm in Concord township, this county, June 16, 1851, the daughter of Nelson and Anna (Neer) Faulkner, the former of whom was born in Cumberland county, Maryland, and the latter at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. As a young man Nelson Faulkner went from Maryland to Virginia, where he met and married Anna Neer, and a few years after their marriage, in 1850, they came to Ohio, locating in

Concord township, Champaign county, where he followed his trade as a carpenter and cabinet-maker until he engaged in farming, in which vocation he continued for a time, later taking up his old trade of carpentering and contracting. Upon his final retirement from active business life, he and his wife moved to Urbana, where they spent their last days. Nelson Faulkner and wife were the parents of ten children, only three of whom are now living: Susan, mother of our subject; Clara, of Dayton, Ohio, and Edward F., of Laporte, Indiana. After his marriage to Susan Faulkner, Charles L. Walters lived in Kings Creek in Salem township, this county, where he followed his trade as a wagon-maker for four years, after which he moved to Westville, Ohio, where he continued to work at his trade for many years, later engaging in farming, in which he continued until his death on December 12, 1908. He and his wife were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Westville, in the affairs of which they took a warm interest. Mr. Walters was identified with the Knights of Pythias, being a charter member of that fraternal organization at Westville.

Earl L. Walters was reared in the village of Westville, receiving his education in the public schools of that place, graduating from the Westville high school. After leaving school he began life for himself by clerking in a store in Westville for a time, after which he went to Springfield, where he worked as a clerk, thus thoroughly equipping himself in the rudiments of the mercantile business. In 1904 he returned to Westville and engaged in the general merchandise business, in which he has continued since with a very commendable degree of success. He has built up a large and lucrative patronage in the village and surrounding community, and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him both in a business and social way.

On March 16, 1909, Earl L. Walters was married to Elizabeth Elwell, the daughter of Perry and Elizabeth (Galbreath) Elwell, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Perry Elwell was born in Putnam county, Ohio, while his wife was born at West Liberty, Logan county, Ohio, their marriage taking place at DeGraff, Ohio. They made their home in Putnam county for three or four years, after which they moved to Smith county, Kansas, where Mrs. Walters was born on January 30, 1889. In the fall of 1902 they moved from Kansas to Kentucky, where they lived for a short time, later removing to a farm in Concord township, this county. In 1905 the family moved to Urbana, Ohio, where they have since lived. To Mr. and Mrs. Walters have been born two children, Francis Leroy, born May 6, 1911, and Lillian Roberta, born March 21, 1913. The family are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active interest in church

and Sunday school work, Mr. Walters serving as a member of the board of trustees of the church. He is a member of Magrew Lodge No. 33, Knights of Pythias, being past chancellor of his home lodge. Politically, he is a Democrat, and firm in his belief of the doctrines and principles of that party.

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### FRANK HOUSTON.

In the memorial annals of Champaign county there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the late Frank Houston, for many years one of the leading merchants and most influential citizens of Urbana, the county seat, whose passing in 1912 was the occasion for sincere mourning throughout the county and particularly in the circles in which he had for so many years quietly and effectually moved, for he had done well in this community those things which his hand had found to do and in all the relations of life had been faithful and true. It was written of him after his passing that he "slipped away as quietly as he had lived. God called him and he was not. His going was on the Sabbath, March 24, 1912, the quiet day that he loved to read and rest and worship."

An appreciation of the life and character of Mr. Houston written as a memorial tribute by his son, William Houston, contains so much of general local interest concerning the manner of man this old merchant was, that the present biographer is taking the liberty herewith to reproduce a portion of the same. Writing of the father whom he had known for more than forty years, William Houston said: "He was a man of faith. He believed in a good God Who was caring for him and his and in that satisfying faith he faced the issues of each day with pleasing hope and assuring confidence. He believed in his fellowmen. Though he saw the sin of men and lived in the midst of it, and reproved it by word and example, it was overshadowed by the good. After doing business for sixty years with all kinds of men and women he was still a believer in the good in the world. There was more good than evil. He always believed the purpose and intentions of men were good, or would be, if men were not goaded by conditions to do what they disapproved. He trusted and believed men because they are children of God. . . . He was a man of prayer, silent, personal prayer. His daily life was spent in the heart attitude of prayer, which was obedience to the known will of God and doing the things that he believed were pleasing to Him. . . . There was joy in his heart. He lived in the sunshine.

A frail body, ill health, pain, disappointment, business losses and trade griefs never provoked a grumbling, complaining or fault-finding word. He was on Thanksgiving avenue all the time. However dark the day he was confident the morrow would be brighter. . . . He was a silent man. He bore his sorrows alone. He never added to the burden of another, but in silence and alone fought his battles and bore his griefs. If he had them he allowed no one to share them with him. He was gentle, happy and at peace with the world in which he rejoiced to live. He loved his fellow-men. His sympathy was as broad and wide as the world. He considered not his own, but his brother's interests. Those who knew him longest trusted him most implicitly. . . . His personal integrity was absolute. The possibility of failing to keep his agreements or meet his obligations never occurred to him. No reward would suggest to him any connection with questionable acts. His ideals were high. He was temperate and abstemious in his personal habits to the point of austerity. . . . He lived for others. There was no selfish blood in his veins. His whole life was one of service for his family, his church, his neighbors, his city and his country. Praise God for a good man."

Frank Houston was born in Fintona, County Tyrone, Ireland, April 22, 1833, son of William and Margaret (King) Houston, also natives of Ireland, the former born in 1795 and the latter in 1794, who were married on the last Saturday of February, 1818, and to whom were born ten children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the eighth in order of birth, the others being as follow: John, born on December 17, 1818, who died on February 4, 1903; Isabella Maria, December 26, 1820, who died on October 10, 1825; Nancy, January 7, 1823, who died on August 8, 1900; Elizabeth, May 8, 1825, who died on October 16 of that same year; Alexander, December 21, 1826, who died on March 4, 1901; Christopher, March 13, 1829, who died on February 9, 1892; Isabella, July 25, 1831, who died on November 8, 1909; Archibald, January 18, 1836, who died April 12, 1916, and Margaret, January 12, 1839, who died on January 8, 1908. The mother of these children died at her home in Ireland on May 4, 1841, she then being forty-seven years of age, and the father survived for many years, his death occurring on May 31, 1878, he then being in the eighty-third year of his age.

It was in the year 1850 that Frank Houston and his brothers, Christopher and Alexander, incited to immigrate by reason of the abnormal conditions created in Ireland by the memorable famine of 1846-48, came to the United States to seek homes amid conditions they felt would be more

favorable than any they could hope for at home. Sailing from Liverpool they in due time arrived at the port of Boston and thence came on out to Ohio, locating in Columbus, where Frank Houston remained, working as a clerk in a wholesale grocery store, until 1854, in which year he moved to Urbana for the purpose of entering business on his own account. Upon his arrival in Urbana he opened a grocery store in a small frame building on the site of the present Lyric theater and there met with such pronounced success that it presently became necessary for him to seek larger quarters. With this end in view he bought part of the Union block, on the public square, and there was engaged in business for ten years, at the end of which time he bought the ground on Main street on which stood the building in which he had opened his first store and there erected the building in which the Lyric theater is now located and moved his store into the same. At that location Mr. Houston continued in business for more than thirty years, or until his death, for many years regarded as one of the city's chief business men and most public-spirited citizens. On his arrival in Columbus in 1850 Mr. Houston had remaining of the small sum with which he had started from his native land but fifty cents. At the time of his death he was regarded as one of Urbana's most substantial citizens, his years of square dealing among the people of this community having been amply rewarded in a material way. Mr. Houston was a Republican in his political affiliations and by religious persuasion was a Presbyterian, the faith in which he had been reared in his home in Ireland. He was ever active in church work and in other local good works and at his passing in 1912 left a good memory in the community in which for more than a half century he had quietly and in all sincerity done his part as a man and as a citizen. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and ever took a warm interest in the affairs of that ancient order.

It was on April 20, 1864, some years after he had become firmly established in business at Urbana, that Frank Houston was united in marriage to Nancy Tappan, who was born in Steubenville, this state, a daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Oella (Stanton) Tappan, both of whom also were born in that same city. Dr. Benjamin Tappan was a son of United States Senator Tappan, senator from Ohio during the forties and for years one of the strongest forces in the political life of this state, and his wife was a sister of Edwin M. Stanton, secretary of war in the cabinet of President Lincoln during the Civil War. Doctor Tappan and wife were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Houston being as follow: Dr. Benjamin Tappan, Jr., who was appointed a surgeon in the Union army during the Civil War

and was killed in service; Rev. David Tappan, now living in San Francisco; James Tappan, of Kansas City, and Dr. Lucy Tappan, of Philadelphia.

To Frank and Nancy (Tappan) Houston were born eight children, namely: Oella Stanton, born on March 15, 1865, who died on October 10, 1901; William, November 8, 1867; Lucy Tappan, March 11, 1870; Edwin Macy Stanton, July 5, 1872; Frances Taylor, November 2, 1874; Isabella, March 26, 1877, who died on July 30, of that same year; Frank King, May 15, 1878, and Nancy Margaret, June 27, 1886. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Houston continues to make her home in the old family residence in Urbana and continues to retain a vital interest in the general social activities of her home town, in the social and benevolent life of which she has been a potent factor for many years. When the Library Board was created in Urbana years ago Mrs. Houston was made president of the same and she ever since has been retained in that important position, in that capacity having been a very influential force in the cultural activities of the city. Not only in her church work, but in various other ways Mrs. Houston has given her most earnest attention to the development of those phases of social activity that tend to the advancement of the common welfare and has thus ever been accounted among the leaders in good works hereabout.

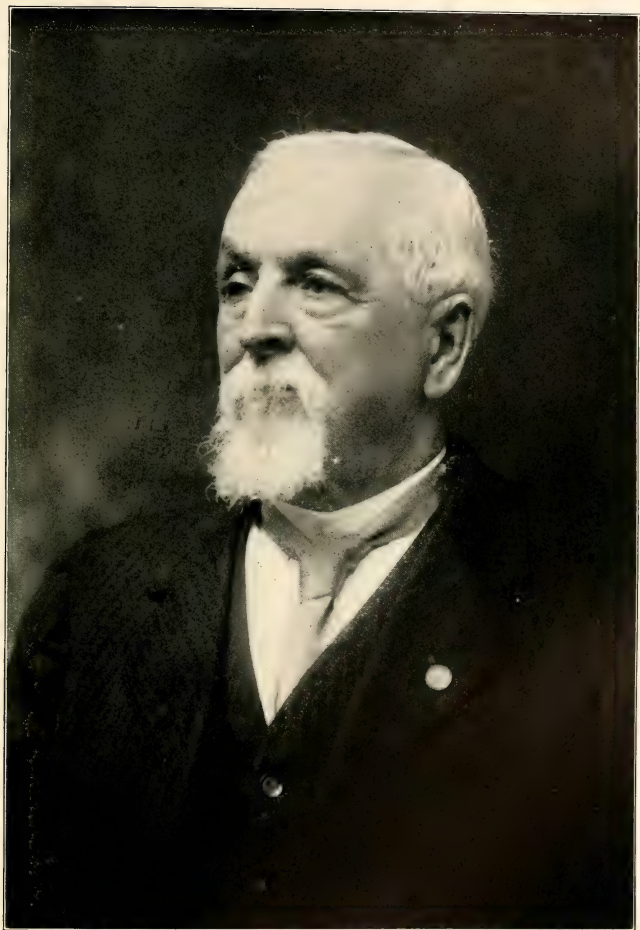
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#### HON. H. H. BRECOUNT.

The Hon. H. H. Brecount, an honored veteran of the Civil War, former representative from this district to the Ohio General Assembly and one of Champaign county's best-known and substantial retired farmers and stockmen, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life, with the exception of a few years immediately following his return from the army, when he made his home in the neighboring county of Miami. He was born at St. Paris on March 26, 1840, son of Solomon G. and Tamar (White) Brecount, who came to this county from Cincinnati in 1835 and here spent their last days, active and influential pioneers of the St. Paris neighborhood.

Solomon G. Brecount was born in the village of Carthage, this state, a few miles north of Cincinnati, in 1810, son of John Brecount and wife, both of whom were born in the vicinity of old Ft. Washington, the pioneer station that later developed into the city of Cincinnati. There Solomon G. Brecount grew to manhood, becoming a farmer and also a merchant at Cincinnati, in which city he remained until he was twenty-five years of age, when





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he and his wife, in 1835, came up to this part of the state and settled in Champaign county, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by David Poorman. There Mr. Brecount opened a country store, bringing down a stock of goods from Carysville, and two years later moved to St. Paris, where he engaged in mercantile business until 1840, when he moved to a farm. He later opened a store at Lena and in other ways was active in the business affairs of that section of the county during his long residence there. When the railroad was projected through St. Paris he took a very active part in the movement and was a member of the board of directors of the company projecting the same and later filled heavy contracts in the construction of the road. As a business man he was far-seeing and possessed of excellent judgment, so that his affairs prospered from the very beginning of his residence in this county and it was not long until he became recognized as one of the leading men in this part of the state. He was for some years extensively engaged in the buying and selling of horses for the Eastern market and was quite successful also in that line. Originally a Whig, he became a Republican upon the formation of that party and for years took a prominent part in local political affairs. For some time he served as justice of the peace and later served for some time as a member of the board of county commissioners and in other ways contributed of his time and his energies to the public service. He always took a prominent part in church work, was a member of the Sons of Temperance, an organization of considerable local strength in its day, and was for years an influential force in all good works hereabout. Solomon G. Brecount died in March, 1869, he then being fifty-nine years of age, and his widow survived him until 1897, she being seventy-nine years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first born, the others being Elmer, who went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company C, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of Perrysville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862; Rose, deceased, who was the wife of Doctor Deniman, of Lena, and Miranda, wife of Harrison Toomire.

H. H. Brecount grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Johnson township, this county, and was living there when the Civil War broke out. In the fall of 1862 he enlisted for service in the Union army and went to the front as a member of Company C, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war, being mustered out as a non-commissioned officer. During this period of service

Mr. Brecount spent a good deal of time on detached duty and for eight months was commissary sergeant of the First Brigade. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Brecount returned home and remained there until the spring of 1866, when he moved over into the adjoining county of Miami and was there engaged in farming and stock raising until 1873, when he returned to the old home place in Johnson township and there established his home, continuing his farming operations until his retirement from the farm in 1907 and removal to St. Paris, where he has since made his home and where he is very comfortably situated. Mr. Brecount has a well-improved farm of one hundred and ninety acres in Johnson township and continues to give the same his general personal supervision. For years he was actively engaged in the buying and selling of horses and is still doing quite a bit of business along that line. In addition to his general farming he also gave considerable attention to the raising of high-grade cattle and large draft horses, the latter being his "long suit." Since his removal to St. Paris he has continued actively engaged as a cattle buyer.

Mr. Brecount is a Republican and from the days of his youth has been actively identified with the political affairs of this part of the state, for many years having been regarded as one of the leaders of his party hereabout. In 1897 he was elected representative from this district to the state Legislature and served a term in that important public capacity, his service in the House being marked by the most careful and intelligent attention to the needs of the public. At the time of the organization of the movement for the creation of the Children's Home Mr. Brecount was made one of the trustees of the Home and served in that capacity for eleven years. In other ways he also has done his part in the public service, ever helpful in promoting all movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare. He is an active member of H. C. Scott Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at St. Paris, and has on several occasions served as delegate from that post to the state encampments of that patriotic organization. Mr. Brecount was a steward for forty-one years in the Methodist church at Lena, this state, and has always been active in church work.

On October 27, 1908, H. H. Brecount was united in marriage to Edwina White, daughter of David W. and Caroline (Anderson) White, members of old families in Ohio. By a former marriage Mr. Brecount became the father of the following children: Oliver Stanage Brecount, who was killed in a railway wreck in 1907; Mary Jane, wife of Grant McMorran, of St. Paris; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Deweese, of Conover, Ohio, and Lucy, wife of George Baldwin, of St. Paris. The branch of the White family with which

Mrs. Brecount is connected is of colonial descent, dating back to the days of the Pilgrim Fathers, a White, of that line, having been governor of one of the first colonies established on American soil.

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### JOSEPH W. BRUNK.

Joseph W. Brunk, a well-known retired carpenter and contractor at Urbana and a veteran of the Civil War, whose service was rendered in the Confederate army, is a native of the Old Dominion, but has been a resident of Ohio most of the time since the close of the Civil War and of this county since the year 1871. He was born at Harrisonburg, Virginia, January 22, 1837, son of Joseph and Mary Frances (Elliott) Brunk, the former of whom was a native of Germany and the latter of Scotland. Joseph Brunk came to this country in the days of his young manhood and settled in Virginia, where he married and where he spent his last days, his death occurring there about 1841, when the subject of this sketch was but a child.

Reared in Virginia, Joseph W. Brunk received his schooling in the schools of that state and when the Old Dominion withdrew from the Union he enlisted for service in the army of the Confederate States of America and went to the front as a private in Company H, Tenth Regiment, Virginia Cavalry, with which command he served for about four years, or until the close of the war, being promoted to the rank of sergeant. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run and in numerous of the most important engagements of the war. Upon the completion of his military service, Mr. Brunk came to Ohio and located at Lancaster, where he was engaged in the hardware business for a couple of years, at the end of which time he went to Missouri, where he bought a half section of land and was there engaged in farming for a few years. He then returned to Ohio and engaged in carpenter work at Dayton, presently moving from there to Salem, where he remained until 1871, in which year he came to Champaign county and bought a small farm in Salem township, north of Urbana. For two years after coming here Mr. Brunk worked his farm, at the same time engaging in the work of a building contractor, and after a couple of years of that double form of activity gave his whole attention to contracting and was thus engaged at Urbana until his retirement from a business a few years ago. Much of his contract work was done for the Illinois Car Works, though he also was quite successful in his work as a general contractor and became one of the best-known

contractors in the building line in this part of the state, many of the important buildings in Urbana and in Champaign county having been erected by him. Mr. Brunk is a Democrat and has for years given his close attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On August 16, 1877, some years after coming to this county, Joseph W. Brunk was united in marriage to Elizabeth Englehardt, of Salem township, who was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and who was but a child when her parents, Thomas and Phoebe Ann (Hines) Englehardt, came to this county and settled on a farm in Salem township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To this union have been born two daughters and one son, Nora, wife of E. O. Blose; Ida May, wife of Oscar Sumly, and Pearl, who married Fay Millner, who is a machinist by trade and residing in Springfield, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Brunk are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a warm interest in church work. They have a pleasant home in Urbana and have ever taken a proper interest in the city's general social activities, helpful in promoting good works.

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#### ALBERT M. BERRY.

A prominent farmer and substantial citizen of Champaign county, who has been a life-long resident of the county, is Albert M. Berry, living on his farm, one and one-half miles southwest of Westville, on rural route No. 9, along the Urbana and Troy road. He was born on a farm in Concord township, one and one-half miles north of Millerstown, October 12, 1860, and is a son of Achory and Angeline (Kite) Berry, both of whom were also natives of Champaign county.

Achory Berry was born in Johnson township, on a farm near Millerstown, his parents being among the early settlers of this part of the county, coming here from Virginia. Angeline Kite was born in Mad River township, her parents being also among the pioneers of the county, coming from Pennsylvania in an early day. After his marriage, Achory Berry and his wife settled on a farm in Mad River township, known as the Kite farm, where they lived for a few years, after which they purchased a farm in Concord, where they lived until their son, Albert M., was fifteen years old, at which time the elder Berry purchased the farm where the subject of this sketch is now living, and here they lived until the death of Mrs. Berry in 1894. Two years before his death, Achory Berry retired to Tremont,



Clark county, Ohio, where his death occurred in the spring of 1903. They were the parents of five children, of whom three are now living: George, who died at the age of five years; Monroe, living in California; Albert M., of this sketch; Minnie, who died June 7, 1917, was the wife of Charles Straub, of Springfield, Ohio; Nannie, who was the wife of Frank Wiant, is deceased. Achory Berry and wife were earnest and devoted members of the Baptist church, and always took an active and interested part in the affairs of the Myrtle Tree church, in which Mr. Berry served as deacon for many years. He was a Democrat in politics, and firm in his belief in the principles of that party, although not an office seeker. He was an industrious and successful farmer, having started out in life with nothing, and accumulating one hundred and fifty acres of fine farming land by his own efforts.

Albert M. Berry lived on the farm in Concord township with his parents until he reached the age of fifteen years, receiving his elementary education in the public schools of that township. He accompanied his parents when they moved to the farm in Mad River township, where he grew to manhood. After his marriage he located first on the home farm where he lived until 1901, when he moved to a farm in Clark county, which he owned. In 1903 he returned to the home farm in Mad River township, where he has since lived. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and is very successful in his chosen calling.

On September 13, 1884, Albert M. Berry was married to Victoria Pence, the daughter of Amos and Clarinda (Browning) Pence, and to this union two sons have been born: Willard A., born July 10, 1886, was killed by accident in 1911, leaving a widow, Ella May Muller and one child, Mary C.; Floyd J., farmer, born July 27, 1894, married Janette McMorran, and they have one daughter, Mamie Victoria. The family are all faithful members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church, in the affairs of which they take an active and interested part. Mrs. Berry's father was a native of this county, his parents having come here from Virginia in an early day. Her mother was a daughter of William Browning, who was also a Virginian by birth, who came from that state to Ohio with the early pioneers, settling in Delaware county, where Mrs. Berry's mother grew to womanhood. She came as a young woman to Champaign county, where she met and married Amos Pence.

Mr. Berry is a Democrat in politics, but takes no active part in political matters, although warmly interested in all local public affairs.

## DAVID E. TAYLOR.

D. E. Taylor, a well-known and substantial farmer of Champaign county and former deputy county auditor, now living on the old Sowers farm three-fourths of a mile north of Westville, in Mad River township, was born on a farm not far west of where he is now living, in that same township, and has lived in this county all his life. He was born on July 24, 1870, son of Simeon and Susan (Ward) Taylor, both of whom also were born in that same township, Mad River, and the latter of whom is still living.

The late Simeon Taylor, former auditor of Champaign county, was born on a pioneer farm in Mad River township, this county, June 7, 1838, a son of Benjamin and Sarah (Miller) Taylor, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Virginia, the Taylors and the Millers having been among the early settlers of Champaign county. It was in 1816 that John Taylor, father of Benjamin Taylor, came to this county with his family from Tennessee and settled in Mad River township and in that same year Valentine Miller came with his family from Virginia and also settled in Mad River township, the two families early becoming recognized as among the leaders in the pioneer life of that community. Reared on the home farm in Mad River township, Simeon Taylor received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and supplemented the same by a course in a business college in Cleveland, later becoming engaged as a school teacher in his home township, teaching during the winter and farming during the summers, and was thus engaged for ten years, teaching for eight years in one school. He was ever active in local political affairs, for years a leader in the Democratic party in his part of the county, and in 1889 was elected auditor of the county. While serving in that public capacity Mr. Taylor made his home in Urbana, but upon completing his term of service returned to his farm in Mad River township and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on September 28, 1914. In addition to his extensive farming interests Mr. Taylor had long given considerable attention to general business affairs and at the time of his death was president of the Citizens National Bank of Urbana, a position he had held for some years. He also was one of the organizers of the Peoples Savings and Building Association at Urbana and was president of that institution. He was a past noble grand of Urbana Lodge No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the local Grange, and in the affairs of both of these organizations took a warm interest. He had been a member of

the Methodist Episcopal church at Westville since 1872 and for thirty-eight years had served as superintendent of the Sunday school of that church.

It was on October 1, 1863, that Simeon Taylor was united in marriage to Susan Ward, who also was born in Mad River township, this county, daughter of Noah and Lydia (Smith) Ward, both of whom also were born in this county and the former of whom for some time served as major of militia. Major Noah Ward and wife were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Taylor is now the only survivor. To Simeon and Susan (Ward) Taylor five children were born, of whom two are now deceased, A. W. Taylor, who was married (his wife also now being deceased), and Laura, who was the wife of Gerald Colbert, of Mad River township; the survivors being Bertha, wife of Robert Lee Grimes, of Westville; D. E. Taylor, the subject of this sketch, and Floy, wife of Floyd Garrett, also of Mad River township. Mrs. Taylor is a member of the Westville Methodist Episcopal church and has for many years been one of the leaders in the good works of that congregation.

Reared on the home farm in Mad River township, D. E. Taylor was well trained in the ways of farming during the days of his boyhood and was a valued assistant in the labors of the farm. He completed his schooling in the Urbana high school and upon his father's entrance upon the duties of the office of county auditor he was made deputy auditor and served in that capacity during the incumbency of his father. He had married about the time of his entrance into the auditor's office and upon the completion of that term of service he returned to Westville and for a year thereafter was engaged in operating the grain elevator at that place. He then, in 1893, took charge of a farm west of Westville, the farm now occupied by Charles Buell, and was there engaged in farming for two years, at the end of which time he returned to the old Taylor home farm, where he remained until 1902, in which year he moved to the farm he now occupies, three-fourths of a mile north of Westville, and there has since made his home, he and his wife being very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. Mr. Taylor is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-eight acres and his operations are carried on in accordance with the most highly approved and up-to-date theories of modern agriculture. Mr. Taylor is a Democrat, as was his father, and takes an active part in local political affairs.

It was on December 20, 1890, that D. E. Taylor was united in marriage to Mary Sowers, who was born on the farm on which she is now living, in February, 1870, daughter of Samuel K. and Eunice (Blose) Sowers, prominent residents of the Westville neighborhood, and to this union three

children have been born, Helen M., Harry S. and Edgar S. Helen M. Taylor, who was born on January 22, 1892, died on April 2, 1902. Harry S. Taylor, who was born on April 9, 1893, was graduated from the Westville high school and is now a senior in the Ohio State University. Edgar S. Taylor, born on May 4, 1895, also is a graduate of the Westville high school. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, Magrew Lodge No. 433, of which his father is a past chancellor commander. D. E. Taylor also is a member of Urbana Lodge No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past noble grand of the same, as was his father before him. The Taylors are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Westville and take an active interest in church affairs, Mr. Taylor being a member of the board of trustees of the local congregation. They have a very pleasant home on their well-kept farm and have ever taken a proper and useful part in the general social activities of the community in which both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have spent practically all their lives.

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#### GEORGE A. TALBOTT.

George A. Talbott, mayor of Urbana, former treasurer of Champaign county, formerly and for years one of Urbana's best-known and most popular newspaper men, later actively connected with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and for years one of the leaders of the Republican party in this county, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Urbana since he was twenty years of age. He was born at Barnesville, over in Belmont county, in the eastern part of the state, January 8, 1854, son of William A. and Rebecca Talbott, natives of that county and representatives of prominent pioneer families in that part of the state.

Reared at Barnesville, George A. Talbott received his schooling in the schools of that city and at the age of sixteen entered the office of the *Barnesville Enterprise* and there learned the "art preservative of all arts", remaining thus connected with that newspaper until he was twenty years of age, when he came over to this part of the state and located at Urbana, securing there a position, "on the case," with the old *Citizen and Gazette*. It was in October, 1874, that Mr. Talbott located at Urbana and he ever since has been a resident of that city, ever taking an active and earnest interest in the affairs of the same. When the *Daily Citizen* was founded he was made city editor of that paper and continued in that position until his election to the office of



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county treasurer. He entered upon the duties of that office in 1895 and so satisfactorily did he perform these duties that he was re-elected and thus served two terms in that important public office. Upon the completion of his term of public service Mr. Talbott returned to the *Citizen* office and was made business manager of the newspaper, a position he occupied for about one year, at the end of which time he became connected with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, as special representative of the same, and also became personally connected with Mr. Firestone in the affairs of the company, a connection which proved quite profitable and which he continued until his retirement from that business in the latter part of 1915. In the fall of that same year Mr. Talbott was elected mayor of Urbana, receiving in that election the largest majority of the votes of the voters of the city ever received by a candidate for that office. Mr. Talbott entered upon the duties of that office in January, 1916, and is still serving in that capacity. In the chapter relating to the history of the city of Urbana, presented elsewhere in this work, there is set out at some length further particulars of the work of Mayor Talbott's administration and these details need not therefore here be set out. It may, however, very properly be noted in this connection that during the two years of Mayor Talbott's incumbency as chief executive of the city, greater advancement has been made in the way of public improvement and general civic advancement than during any two-year period of the city's history, a fact to which the many friends of the Mayor "point with pride." Mayor Talbott has for years taken an active and prominent part in the political affairs of this section of the state, and is widely known in political circles throughout the state. During the McKinley gubernatorial administration he was chairman of the executive committee of the Champaign county Republican committee and was a member of the Ohio state Republican central committee, while in other ways he has given of his time and service, unselfishly and wholeheartedly to his party. As an incidental sidelight on the Mayor's abstemiousness, it may be stated that he never smoked a cigar in his life and many of his political friends are ready to congratulate him upon that fact, in view of the thousands of "campaign" cigars he thus has escaped.

Mayor Talbott has been twice married. On April 12, 1877, he was united in marriage to Julia C. Ross, daughter of Philander B. Ross, and to that union three children were born, namely: Frank, who is general manager for the Victor Rubber Company, of Springfield, Ohio; Stella, wife of Dr. C. C. Craig, and Philander B., who is general manager for the plant of the Firestone Rubber Company at Kansas City. The mother of these chil-

dren died on September 19, 1894, and on February 17, 1916, Mayor Talbott was married to Mary Grant, of Clayton, New York. Mayor Talbott is a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and take an earnest interest in church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home town, helpful in many ways in advancing the common interest there. The Mayor is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has for years taken a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

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### NOAH WARD.

One of the esteemed citizens of Westville, who has been a life-long resident of Champaign county, is Noah Ward, who was born on a farm in Mad River township on April 19, 1860, the son of Sylvanus and Priscilla (Smith) Ward, both of whom were also natives of this county.

Sylvanus Ward was a son of George and Catherine Ward, who came to Champaign county from Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1816. George Ward located first in Mad River township, where he had entered land from the government, and on this farm Sylvanus was born and reared. George Ward and wife were the parents of several children, none of whom are now living. Priscilla Smith was also a native of Mad River township, the daughter of David H. Smith. The Smith family were natives of Virginia, and were among the early settlers of this county. After his marriage, Sylvanus Ward and wife settled on a farm in Mad River township, which was a part of the old home place belonging to his father, and on this farm they lived the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom are now living: Frank, a farmer of Mad River township; Theodore, of Cleveland, Ohio; Noah, the immediate subject of this review; C. V., of Westville; Smith, living on the old home place in Mad River township; T. P., of Westville; C. H., living in Clark county, Ohio; Oren, living in Illinois, and Sylvan, a resident of the state of Pennsylvania. Sylvanus Ward and wife were earnest and devoted members of the Baptist church, being identified with the congregation at Nettle Creek. He was a Democrat in politics, and firm in his belief of the doctrines and principles of that party.

Noah Ward was reared on the old home farm in Mad River township, receiving his education in the township schools. He assisted with the work of the farm, and after his marriage operated the home place until 1885.

when he came to Westville, where he engaged in the threshing-machine business for many years. In 1893 he started clerking in the general store of Broyles & Bull, and since 1912 in the store of E. L. Walters.

On October 19, 1881, Noah Ward was married to Laura E. Lutz, who was born and reared in Mad River township. In 1903 Mrs. Ward died, and in 1905, Mr. Ward was again married to Susie R. Loudenbeck, who was a native of this county, reared on a farm in Mad River township, but who, at the time of her marriage, was a resident of Sidney, Ohio. Her death occurred in 1906.

Mr. Ward is a member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, and holds the office of past chancellor of this lodge. He is also identified with the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and is past counsellor of Council No. 56, at Urbana, Ohio. He is a Democrat in politics, and a warm supporter of all local public matters having for their object the betterment of the community. He served his township two terms, 1909 and 1913, as trustee.

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#### GEORGE L. DODGE.

George L. Dodge, a farmer living on route No. 4, Urbana, Ohio, was born in New York state, July 22, 1839, a son of Daniel and Mary Dodge, both of whom were natives of New York state. Both parents are deceased. There were fourteen children born to this family and George L. is the only one of this number now living.

George L. Dodge was reared on a farm in Scioto county, Ohio, and received his education in the schools of that county. He was engaged for a time in teaching school and was thus engaged when the Civil War came on. Responding to the President's call for volunteers, he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in that regiment for three years. During his army service he was always present for duty and was never sick nor wounded. At the close of his service he returned to Scioto county and engaged in farming. July 1, 1866, he was married to Louisa Tibbs, who was born in Virginia, August 2, 1849, and came with her parents to Scioto county at the age of fourteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge settled on a farm after marriage where they remained until April, 1892, when they bought the farm of one hundred and forty acres on which they now live. Of the eleven children born to them eight are now living. Jonathan and Emma live in California; Olive lives at Troy, Ohio; Charles

at home; Andrew in Nevada; Elizabeth in Westville; Effie is a teacher in Chicago, and Marcella, a daughter, is president of Lake Forest school in Chicago.

George L. Dodge is a Republican and served two terms as auditor of Scioto county. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Charles R. Dodge was born in Scioto county, Ohio, January 14, 1864, and received his education in the common schools of Scioto county. He has always been engaged in farming. He is the owner of forty-four acres of land in Mad River township on which he carries on general farming and is also a breeder of fine stock. He raises thoroughbred Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs. Daniel Dodge was a soldier in the Spanish-American war and died of fever.

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### JACOB P. BAKER.

Jacob P. Baker is a farmer living on his farm in Mad River township, rural route number four, Urbana, Ohio. He was born in Jackson township, this county, March 8, 1870, a son of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Bowers) Baker; the father was born in Clark county, the mother in Jackson township, Champaign county, Ohio. The father was reared on the home farm in Clark county and came to Champaign county about the time of his marriage. He bought eighty acres of land now owned by Harry O. Baker, and on this farm he made his home during the remainder of his life.

Obadiah Baker was the father of seven children of whom six are now living: William D., a farmer in Jackson township; Alma, wife of Clem Richardson; Jacob P., subject of this sketch; Sarah, wife of Charles Pence, of Miami, Ohio; Irvin, of Christiansburg, Ohio; Harry O., of Jackson township.

Jacob P. Baker was reared on the old home farm in Jackson township and received his education in the district schools of the township. He remained at home working on the farm until he was twenty-one. June 20, 1895, he was married to Laura B. Conard, who was born in Mad River township and educated in the district schools of that township. She is a daughter of A. R. Conard, an old resident of the township.

For a few years after marriage Mr. Baker rented the old home farm of A. R. Conard and later bought this farm of seventy-five acres. In 1912 he bought the farm of one hundred and six acres on which he now lives. Here he has a good home and a well-improved farm, well adapted to general

farming and stock raising in which he is engaged. He raises Duroc-Jersey hogs, Jersey cattle, French draft horses and carries on a general farming business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baker four children have been born: Harry L., a graduate of the common schools; Clarence, at home; Raymond, graduate of the common schools, at home; Sylvia, graduate of the common schools; Ray, graduate of the common schools.

Mrs. Baker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Baker is a member of Thackery Lodge No. 874, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Democrat in his political belief. He served two years as township trustee. He is a quiet, unassuming man and an upright citizen, holding the high esteem of the people of the community in which he has lived for all these years, and he has the confidence of everyone with whom he has had dealings.

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#### S. C. MOORE, M. D.

Dr. S. C. Moore, of Urbana, an honored veteran of the Civil War and one of the oldest practicing physicians in Champaign county, is a native of the neighboring county of Logan, but has been a resident of this county since 1867 and is, therefore, very properly accounted one of the real "old settlers" of the county. He was born on a farm in Zane township, Logan county, this state, September 21, 1844, son of Edmond and Rachel Moore, the former of whom was born in the state of New Jersey and the latter in Ohio. Edmond Moore came to this state from New Jersey in the days of his youth, became a well-to-do farmer in Logan county and there spent his last days.

Reared on the paternal farm in Zane township, in the neighboring county of Logan, S. G. Moore received his early schooling in the common schools of that county and when eighteen years of age, in 1863, enlisted for service in the Union army during the continuance of the Civil War and went to the front as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until the close of the war, participating in the battle of Missionary Ridge, the battle of Jonesboro, all the engagements totaling thirteen different battles, and numerous skirmishes and was with Sherman on the march to the sea at the conclusion of the Atlanta campaign. Upon the completion of his military service he returned home and in 1867 began the reading of medicine

under the preceptorship of Doctor Williams at North Lewisburg, this county, and presently entered the Cincinnati Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1870. Thus admirably equipped for the practice of his profession, Doctor Moore began practice in association with Doctor Williams at North Lewisburg and two years later, in 1872, opened an office of his own at Cable, over in the adjoining township of Wayne, where he was engaged in practice for twenty-nine years, or until 1901, when he moved to Urbana, where he since has made his home, actively engaged in practice in that city. Doctor Moore is one of the oldest physicians in continuous practice in Champaign county and is widely known throughout this and adjoining counties. For three terms he served as coroner of Champaign county and has in other ways taken an active part in local civic affairs. The Doctor is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society and for years has taken an interested part in the deliberations of that body. He is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to the political affairs, both of the county and of the state.

On March 10, 1875, Dr. S. C. Moore was united in marriage to Emma F. Flaherty. The Doctor and Mrs. Moore are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have ever taken an active part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community, helpful in advancing all worthy causes designed to promote the common welfare.

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#### CLARENCE M. McLAUGHLIN, M. D.

Dr. Clarence M. McLaughlin is a native of Champaign county and one of the prominent physicians of Westville, Ohio. He was born in this place, August 19, 1864, a son of Dr. Richard R. and Charlotte (Wilson) McLaughlin, who were among the older residents of Westville.

Dr. Richard R. McLaughlin was born in Clark county, Ohio, and when a mere boy went with his parents to Wisconsin. The elder McLaughlins located near Madison, Wisconsin, and engaged in farming. Here Dr. Richard R. was reared, receiving his elementary education in the public schools of that neighborhood. With a view of fitting himself for the profession and practice of medicine he left his Wisconsin home while still a young man and returned to Clark county, Ohio, locating at Tremont City, where he entered the office of his uncle, Dr. A. C. McLaughlin. He began the study of medicine here and continued this study for some time. Later he



entered the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, and took a full course of lectures there. Following his graduation from this institution, he located in Westville, Ohio, and began the practice of his profession. He continued in practice here during the remainder of his life. He died August 17, 1891. He was a man well up in his profession in his day and enjoyed a very extensive practice throughout the county. He was also a man of prominence and influence in the community. Politically, he was a radical Democrat, and during the Civil War took an active part in the affairs of his party. In religious matters he was of the Universalist belief and was one of the active promoters and organizers of the church of that denomination in Westville. He was a leader and a most active worker in the temperance cause and his recognized ability in the advocacy of temperance brought him in great demand for lectures in behalf of that cause.

Charlotte (Wilson) McLaughlin, mother of our subject, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1832, and died at her home here in 1903. She was a woman of sound judgment and sterling qualities. She was reared in the Methodist Episcopal church and continued a faithful member of this church during her life. She was the mother of five children, three of whom are now living: Rev. Ira W. McLaughlin, a graduate of St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, at present a minister in Springfield, Ohio; Dr. Clarence M. McLaughlin, and Lottie J., the wife of R. K. Fox, of Hastings, Florida.

Dr. Clarence M. McLaughlin was reared in Westville, Ohio, and received his early education in the public schools of this village. Later he attended the Urbana high school and the university at that place. At the age of eighteen he began the study of medicine, and at the age of twenty-one had completed the course of study in the Starling School of Medicine, at Columbus, Ohio, receiving his diploma from that institution in 1886. The same year he began the practice of medicine in Westville, Ohio, and has been here continuously since that time. In 1897 he was united in marriage with Nellie B. Denny, of Logan county, Ohio, who was born in that county in 1873. She was a student of the Bellfontaine high school, and a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. She is now a teacher of music in Westville. Her church relationship is with the Methodist Episcopal church, of Westville, in which she is an active worker.

Doctor McLaughlin's fraternal affiliation is with the Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, in which order he is a past chancellor, and has twice represented the order in the grand lodge. He is also a member of

Harmony Lodge No. 8, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Urbana Chapter No. 34, Royal Arch Masons, and the Raper Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, all of Urbana, Ohio. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party, though he has never taken much part in party affairs.

Doctor McLaughlin devotes a good deal of time and attention to agricultural affairs. He is the owner of three hundred and eighteen acres of fine land in Champaign county, part of this is in Mad River township and part in Concord township. In addition to general farming which he carries on according to the most approved methods, he is largely engaged in the breeding of fine stock, making a specialty of Jersey cattle, of which he has a herd of the highest registered merit. As a member of the American Jersey Cattle Club, Doctor McLaughlin keeps himself well informed in all matters pertaining to this line of industry. He is also fully abreast of the times in his chosen profession. He is a member of the state, county and American medical associations and is an active worker in these associations. He is also interested in every movement that has for its object the advancement of educational interests and for the promotion of educational advantages. Along this line he was among the first to advocate the consolidation of the smaller district schools with a central graded school, where all could have the advantage of the best facilities for advancement. He carried the first petition in Mad River township for the centralization of the schools in Westville, and the excellent schools conducted here for the benefit of the township are largely due to Doctor McLaughlin's interest and energy in that behalf.

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#### MRS. ELIZABETH J. STEVENSON.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Stevenson, of Mingo, widow of Edward O. Stevenson and one of the most extensive landowners in Champaign county, is a native of Kentucky, but has been a resident of this county since 1870, in which year she came here with her son and located at Mingo, in the neighborhood of which place she and her son acquired large farming interests and where she has since made her home, one of the best-known and most influential residents of the northern part of the county.

Elizabeth J. Flournoy was born in Scott county, Kentucky, daughter of the Rev. David John and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Flournoy, both also natives of Kentucky, the former born in Scott county, that state, and the latter in Clark county. The Rev. David John Flournoy was a minister of





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Elizabeth J. Stevenson





the Baptist church and a well-to-do farmer of Scott county, Kentucky, who later, on account of his health, went to Laconia, Desha county, Arkansas, where he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Stevenson was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Mary C., deceased; Robert C., deceased; Thomas Y., deceased; David John, Jr., deceased, and Letitia, who now lives in Los Angeles, California, widow of Robert Hume.

Reared in Scott county, Kentucky, Elizabeth J. Flournoy completed her schooling in the old Georgetown (Kentucky) Seminary and in 1849 married Edward O. Stevenson, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, in November, 1829, and who was educated in the old Military College at Georgetown, Kentucky, and later read law at Chillicothe, this state. Edward O. Stevenson died in 1852, at the age of twenty-three years, leaving his widow and one son, Edward Owings Stevenson, who was born on May 11, 1850, and who, twenty years later, in 1870, came to this county and located at Mingo. Edward Owings Stevenson had received his schooling at Frankfort, Kentucky, and upon coming to Champaign county became engaged in farming in the vicinity of Mingo, but later returned to Kentucky, where he remained for twenty years, at the end of which time he went to Washington, D. C. Later he returned home, where he died on October 2, 1916, and was buried at Lexington, Kentucky. He was an inventor of considerable note and had achieved marked success with some of his inventions. He married Catherine Nash, of West Liberty, Ohio, who is now living at Chicago, and to that union five children were born, namely: Edward O., who died two years ago; John Evans Stevenson, who was graduated from the Virginia Military Institute and is now engaged as a mine assayer in the republic of Costa Rica, Central America; Flournoy D. J. Stevenson, a progressive farmer, who makes his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Stevenson, at Mingo, where he is engaged in looking after her extensive farming interests; John E. Stevenson, who is with his mother in Chicago, and Frederick Paul Stevenson, also of Chicago.

Mrs. Stevenson is the owner of seven hundred and fifteen acres of fine land in Champaign county, besides the owner of valuable land tracts in other states. She is an earnest member of the Christian church and has for many years taken an active interest in church affairs. Despite her advanced years she retains her physical and mental vigor in a remarkable degree and continues to entertain the liveliest interest in current affairs and in the general affairs of the community in which she has lived so long. She has a very pleasant home at Mingo and ever since taking up her residence there in 1870

has given much earnest thought to the general advancement of the welfare of the community and has done much to promote movements designed to that end.

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### JACOB F. ARNEY.

Jacob F. Arney, one of the well-known farmers in the southwestern part of Champaign county and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred acres, the old Hupp farm, in Mad River township, on rural mail route number one out of Tremont City, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 18, 1860, son of Joseph and Barbara (Hupp) Arney, the former of whom died when the subject of this sketch was but five years of age. Barbara Hupp was born in Virginia and was eight years of age when she came into Ohio with her parents, the family settling on a farm in the Terre Haute neighborhood in Mad River township, this county, where she grew to womanhood and married Joseph Arney. After his marriage Joseph Arney established his home on the Hupp place and there died in 1865, he then being thirty-eight years of age. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring January 24, 1892, and the old home place is now owned by the subject of this sketch. Joseph Arney and wife were the parents of four children, of whom Jacob F. is now the only survivor, his only brother, Charles, having died at the age of eight years; his sister, Florinda J., wife of J. W. Richmond, died in August, 1882, and his sister Mary Virginia died on December 18, 1891.

Reared on the home farm, Jacob F. Arney received his schooling in the Terre Haute schools and early assumed the responsibility of the management of the home place, establishing his home there after his marriage in the spring of 1882, and has ever since made that his place of residence, he and his family being very comfortably situated there. Mr. Arney has developed a fine farm plant and is doing well in his agricultural operations. Politically, he is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On April 13, 1882, Jacob F. Arney was united in marriage to Artie A. Lutz, who also was born in Mad River township, a daughter of William and Sarah (Neese) Lutz, and to this union have been born two children. Roxie May, who was graduated from the common schools and is now the wife of Walter H. Baker, who is in the insurance business at Dayton, this state, and they have one son, Herbert A., born April 22, 1912, and Alpha J.,

unmarried, who is also a graduate of the common schools and the high school at Tremont, Ohio Wesleyan University, Wittenberg College and Valparaiso University. He is in Wayne, Michigan, in the real-estate business. Mr. and Mrs. Arney are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Terre Haute and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works and the general social activities of the community. Mr. Arney is a Republican and takes an active interest in party affairs.

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### RALPH W. WIAINT.

Ralph W. Wiant, a farmer living near St. Paris, Champaign county, Ohio, was born on the old Wiant farm, in Mad River township, March 14, 1883. He is a son of John and Barbara A. (Miller) Wiant. John Wiant was born in this township, March 13, 1832, and spent his entire life here. He was a son of Adam and Mary (Maggrat) Wiant, who were both natives of Virginia. Each came to this county in early years and were married here, and here they continued to live for the rest of their lives. They were the parents of the following children: David, Julia A., who became the wife of Peter Smith; Amanda, the wife of Isaiah Colbert; Franklin, William A., who died at the age of two years; John, Isaiah, Ira and Asa (twins).

John Wiant, father of our subject, was reared on a farm in Mad River township. He received his education in the Myrtle Tree school, which he attended during the winter season when the work on the farm was not so pressing. He was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Prince. There were three children by this marriage: Effie, wife of J. O. Northcraft, of Columbus, Ohio; Emma, wife of John Russell; William A., who lives at Springfield, Ohio, and is pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal church, of that city.

The second wife of John Wiant was Barbara A. Smith and there were two children by this union: Delmar O., who married Maime Hoak, and lives in Columbus, Ohio; Ralph W., the subject of this sketch. John Wiant died June 29, 1916, aged eighty-four years.

Ralph W. Wiant was reared on the old home farm and received his education in the district schools and the Westville school. On reaching manhood years he was united in marriage with Carrie Pine, August 20, 1907. She was born in Harrison township and is a daughter of Joseph

T. and Clarissa (Haltermann) Pine. She was educated in the public school at Eris, Champaign county, Ohio, graduating from the high school of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Wiant are the parents of two boys: Robert P., born June 20, 1912, and Joseph W., born June 20, 1916. Their church relationship is with the Methodist Episcopal church, of Westville, in which both are active workers. Mr. Wiant is one of the stewards of the church and is also superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Wiant has a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres all of which is well improved, with a comfortable and convenient home and all necessary farm buildings. In addition to general farming he is largely interested in the breeding of fine stock, making a specialty of Chester white hogs, headed by Frost King.

Joseph and Clarissa Pine, father and mother of Mrs. Ralph Wiant, are both natives of Champaign county, Ohio, and are both still living here. They are the parents of four children: Lavella P., a graduate of Eris high school and the wife of Walter Howard, of St. Paris, this county; Carrie F., wife of our subject; the other two children died in their early years.

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### ROMANUS M. KITE.

One of the well-to-do farmers and substantial citizens of Mad River township, who has been a life-long resident of Champaign county, is Romanus M. Kite, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres located three miles southeast of St. Paris, on the Runkle pike. Mr. Kite was born in Mad River township, on what is known as the old Zimmerman farm, November 20, 1866, and is a son of William and Catherine (Miller) Kite, both of whom were also natives of this county.

William Kite was a son of Emanuel Kite, who came in an early day to Champaign county from Virginia, being among the pioneers of Mad River township. Catherine Miller was born on a farm in Concord township, this county, the daughter of Christian Miller and wife, also pioneers of the county. After his marriage William Kite settled on a part of his father's farm, where he lived for several years. Later he traded this land for a farm located a little farther west, where he lived for some years, when he moved to what was known as the Runkle farm, where he and his wife lived the remainder of their days. Starting out in life with practically nothing, by his own efforts, he became a very successful and well-to-do farmer. He was quiet and

unassuming in his manner, yet a far-sighted and good business man. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Mary E., the wife of Adam Neer; Sarah E., wife of James L. Pond; Glendora, wife of James I. Pence; James E., of St. Paris; R. M., the immediate subject of this review; F. E., of St. Paris, and Ada, wife of J. E. Straub. The family were members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church, and are prominent in the affairs of the church.

Romanus M. Kite was reared on his father's farm in Mad River township. He received his education in the township schools, and lived at home assisting with the work on the farm until his marriage, when he moved to a farm about one mile west of his present home, where he lived two years, when he returned to the old home place, where he has since lived with the exception of a few months spent in Westville. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising and ranks among the leading and progressive farmers of Mad River township. He has a fine home, situated in a beautiful grove of maple trees which he planted himself. He helped clear most of his farm, besides many acres on two other farms. On February 17, 1889, Romanus M. Kite was united in marriage to Arminta Norman, the daughter of Christian and Elvira (Pence) Norman, natives of this county living in Johnson township. Mr. and Mrs. Kite are the parents of four children: Bertha M., wife of S. S. Stickley, a farmer of Mad River township; Don N., living in Jackson township, married Bertha Hecker, who died in November, 1916; Paul W., living at home, is a student in the third year at high school in Westville, and one deceased. The family are members of the St. Paris Baptist church, in the affairs of which they take an active interest.

Like his father before him, Mr. Kite is a Democrat in politics, and a firm believer in the doctrines and principles of that party, and for the past eight years he has served as a member of the board of education of Mad River township, serving as president of the board since 1912. He has always been deeply interested in the cause of education, and since the organization of the county board of education, he has served as vice-president of that board. Mr. Kite has also served as trustee of his township, holding this office continuously for seven years. He is a member of the Champaign county fair board, representing Mad River township. Besides his farming interests, Mr. Kite is a director of the Central National Bank of St. Paris. Fraternally, he is identified with Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias.



## FLOYD C. GARRETTE.

Among the younger generation of farmers of Champaign county is Floyd C. Garrette, who has been a life-long resident of the county, his birth having occurred on the farm where he now lives, two miles southeast of Westville, on March 28, 1880. He is a son of Waite and Margaret (Pence) Garett, the former of whom was a native of Connecticut, and the latter of Ohio.

Waite Garrette was born on a farm near New Haven, Connecticut, and was there reared to young manhood, receiving his education in the public schools of his native county. After reaching manhood he learned the carpenter trade, and at the age of twenty-four years, came to Ohio, locating in Champaign county, where he followed his trade for some years, forming a partnership with Levi Haukman, the firm engaging in general contracting and building. After his marriage he turned his attention to farming, renting land for a few years, after which he purchased the farm he had been renting, but after living on this place several more years, he traded it for the farm where his son, Floyd C., is now living, and lived on this farm until his death on June 29, 1899. His widow continued to live on the farm for about four years after his death, when she moved to Youngstown, Ohio, where her death occurred in July, 1916. They were the parents of three children, all living: Edna, who was a student in the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio; Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, and Oxford College, Oxford, Ohio, is now a teacher in the public schools of Youngstown, Ohio; Floyd, the immediate subject of this review, and Ralph D., a graduate of the University of Wooster, now a teacher in the schools of Chicago, Illinois, married Mabel Tilson, a native of that city. Waite Garrette and his wife were prominent and influential members of the Presbyterian church at Urbana, in which they took an active part for many years, Mr. Garrette serving as deacon. He was a Democrat in politics.

Floyd C. Garrette was reared on his father's farm in Mad River township, receiving his elementary education in the district schools of the township, and he also attended the schools at Westville. Upon the death of his father in 1899, he took over the management of the home farm, where he has since made his home, being engaged in general farming and stock raising.

On June 16, 1902, Floyd C. Garrette was married to Floy Taylor, the daughter of Simeon and Susan (Ward) Taylor, and to this union three



children have been born: Kenneth T., a student in the schools at Westville; Robert W., also in school, and Herman D. Mrs. Garrette is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Westville, Ohio, and takes an active interest in the religious and social life of the community.

Mr. Garrette is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 8, Free and Accepted Masons; the Urbana Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Urbana Council, Royal and Select Masons, and Raper Commandery No. 19, at Urbana. He is also a member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, holding the office of past chancellor of Magrew Lodge. Mr. Garrette is a Democrat in politics, as was his father before him, but while warmly supporting all public measures for the welfare and benefit of his community, yet he takes no active part in political matters.

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#### SMITH F. STICKLEY.

Smith F. Stickley, an auctioneer and farmer, of Mad River township, was born near Westville, Champaign county, Ohio, February 14, 1884. He is a son of P. L. and Fannie (Harr) Stickley. The father of our subject was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia; the mother was born in Springfield, Ohio. She died, August 3, 1906. The father is now a resident of Mad River township. There were six children born to this union; Add V., wife of E. C. Stickley, living in Mad River township; E. H. Stickley, of Mad River township; Carrie, wife of A. G. Stickley, of Strausburg, Virginia; B. M. Stickley, of Mad River township; O. B. Stickley, of Concord township; and S. F. Stickley, our subject.

Smith F. Stickley spent his boyhood days on a farm in Mad River township, and received his education in the Westville schools, which he attended until he was nineteen years old. He then engaged in farming on the home place for a few years. On February 14, 1906, he was united in marriage with Bertha M. Kite, a daughter of R. M. and Arminda (Norman) Kite. To this union two children were born: Kenneth K., born March 10, 1909; Lowell L., born September 13, 1911. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Westville. Mr. Stickley is a member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, and a past chancellor of this order. Mrs. Stickley is a member of the Pythian Sisters, of St. Paris, Ohio.

Mr. Stickley is an auctioneer of some note in this part of Champaign

county and his services are in great demand at public sales in all parts of the county. He is the owner of seventy-five acres of good land in this township and devotes his time and attention to modern methods of farming. In addition to general farming he is a successful stock raiser, handling some of the best grades of fine stock. The energy and industry which he applies to the lines of business in which he is engaged, bring commensurate returns and puts him in the class of one of the prosperous citizens of the township.

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### W. A. LOWRY.

W. A. Lowry, postmaster at Urbana and formerly and for years one of the best-known school teachers in Champaign county and later connected with the building and loan department of Ohio at Columbus, is a native son of this county and has lived here practically all his life. He was born in Union township on August 6, 1864, son of William D. and Jane (Jenkins) Lowry, the former of whom was born in Berkley county, Virginia (now West Virginia), and who was but eight years of age when his parents moved to Ohio and settled on Buck creek in Champaign county, about 1830. Here William D. Lowry grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the schools of this county and later read law in the office of Gen. J. H. Young and was admitted to the bar. For some time he practiced his profession at Urbana and later at Mutual, where he spent his last days.

Upon completing the course in the schools of his home township, W. A. Lowry supplemented that course by a course in the schools at Lebanon and then began teaching school and was for twenty years thus engaged in this county, becoming one of the best-known teachers in the county. For four years he taught school at Mutual and then for six years was engaged in the rural schools in that neighborhood, in the eastern part of the county. He then was made principal of the schools at McCrea and superintendent of the schools of Jackson township and in that capacity served for three years, at the end of which time he was made principal of the schools at Springhill and was thus engaged at that place for six years. Upon the completion of his long service at Springhill Mr. Lowry traveled for awhile and then for five years was connected with T. E. Dye in the insurance business. He then received an appointment as examiner in the building and loan department at Columbus, Ohio, and was thus engaged for eighteen months, at the end of which time, on August 5, 1913, he received his commission as postmaster



W. A. LOWRY



of Urbana, under appointment from President Wilson and has since been serving in that important public capacity.

On January 10, 1892, W. A. Lowry was united in marriage to Emma Thompson, daughter of A. B. and Ella (Ogborn) Thompson, residents of Wayne township, Champaign county, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Ralph T. Lowry. Mr. Lowry is a Democrat and for years has been looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in Champaign county. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic order and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

A. B. Thompson is a prominent farmer of Wayne township and has always been active in politics since twenty-one years of age. His wife died about 1895.

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### JASON P. KITE.

Jason P. Kite, a farmer living on his farm two miles east of St. Paris, on the Piqua and Urbana pike, is a native-born son of this county, his birth having occurred in Mad River township, November 9, 1842. He is a son of Alvin and Margaret E. (Jones) Kite, both of whom were also natives of this county.

Alvin Kite is a son of William Kite, who was born in this county, his parents coming here from Virginia in an early day. William Kite's father operated the old roller mills in Champaign county, which was one of the first mills in this section. Margaret E. Jones, the wife of Alvin Kite, was born in Mad River township. The Jones family were also early pioneers in the county, coming here from Virginia. Alvin and Margaret E. (Jones) Kite settled on a farm in Mad River township after their marriage, where they remained for three years, when they removed to Miami county, Indiana, where they lived for about nine years, after which they returned to Champaign county, locating on a farm in Mad River township. Alvin Kite received an injury falling from a barn, from the effects of which he died in 1858.

Jason P. Kite was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving his education in the district schools. At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, he enlisted for service in the Union army by becoming a member of Company I, Forty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which regiment was under the leadership of Col. James A. Garfield. Mr. Kite saw three years of hard service under his enlistment, at the end of which time he

returned to his home in Champaign county and resumed farming. He began life for himself in 1866 by renting land in Johnson township, which he operated for several years, when he bought his present farm of forty-seven and one-half acres in this township, which he has improved and cultivated until he has one of the best farms in the township.

On March 22, 1866, Jason P. Kite was married to Anna M. Wirick, who was born at St. Paris, Ohio, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Wirick, and to this union have been born five sons: Charles, a builder and contractor who has worked in nineteen states as a creamery and canning factory builder; Carey S., living at home; J. E., of St. Paris; Emmett W., of Urbana, who was formerly clerk of Champaign county, and Albert A., a farmer living in Concord township. Mr. and Mrs. Kite are earnest and faithful members of the Myrtle Creek Baptist church, and take an active interest in the affairs of the local congregation. Mr. Kite is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding his membership with Lodge No. 246, at St. Paris. He has passed all the chairs in the local lodge and is deeply interested in the work of this organization. He also takes a prominent part in all of the branches of Odd Fellowship, and is a member of the encampment, being a past chief patriarch of that body. In politics, he is a Republican, and is interested in all public matters having for their object the betterment of local civic affairs.

Mr. Kite's great-great-great-grandfather, John Hamist, was a Revolutionary soldier and is buried at Myrtle Tree Cemetery, being the first person buried there. Mr. Kite has decorated his grave for many years; also all other soldiers' graves.

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### JAMES B. WIAINT.

James B. Wiant is a prosperous farmer in Mad River township, living one and one-half miles east of Terre Haute, Ohio, on the Strome creek road, rural route No. 1, Tremont City, Ohio. He was born west of Westville, Ohio, on the Bradbury Wiant farm, in Mad River township, June 17, 1856. He is a son of Bradbury and Jerusha (Ward) Wiant.

Bradbury Wiant, father of our subject, was born at the old home near the Myrtle Tree Baptist church, in Mad River township. He was the son of John Wiant, who came to Champaign county from Virginia, and was among the early settlers of the county. He was a tanner by trade and the first to engage in that business in this section. His tannery was



located near the Myrtle Tree Baptist church, where he operated the business for several years. His wife, whose maiden name was Jerusha Ward, was born in Mad River township, and is a daughter of George Ward, who was also one of the early settlers in this township, coming from Virginia at an early day. She was born at the home place, two and a half miles southwest of Westville. After marriage they settled on the old home place and lived there for a number of years. Then they went to South Dakota, where the husband died, and then the wife returned to her old home in Mad River township, where she spent the remainder of her days. To them eleven children were born, five of whom are now living: Elizabeth, wife of Simon Whitmore, Mad River township; Jasper, a farmer living near Topeka, Kansas; John B., Sidney, Ohio, and James B., our subject; Tulley, Urbana, Ohio.

They were members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church and active workers in the church. Mr. Wiant was a Democrat in politics, and a man of strong convictions and the courage to stand for what he believed was right.

James B. Wiant, our subject, was reared on the old home farm where he grew to manhood. He received his education in the district school at the Myrtle Tree school house. In April, 1882, he left home and went to North Dakota, where he remained for about one year. He then returned to his old home in Mad River township, and found employment, working by the day, which he followed for three or four years. May 25, 1890, he was married to Hannah Neff, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Neff, of Mad River township. Michael Neff was born and reared in Mad River township. His parents were from Virginia. Mr. Neff is dead; his widow still lives, making her home with her children.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. James B. Wiant lived for a time in Mad River township; then in German township, Clark county, and afterward at Eagle City, where they lived for four years. They then returned to Mad River township, where Mr. Wiant found employment working by the month for nine or ten years. Following this for several years he rented farms in this and Jackson township, and in 1914 he bought eighty-one acres of land, known as the Willow Dale farm. Here he has lived since engaged in general farming, and is also interested in the breeding of a fine grade of Holstein cattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wiant seven children have been born, five of whom are living. They are: Wilbur C., and Walter C., living in Jackson township; Helen, wife of Clement Baker, Jackson township; Adoll and Ruth,

in school; Hazel, died at the age of four years. Donald, died at the age of six months.

Mr. Wiant is a member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, Westville, being a charter member of that order. In politics he is a Democrat; served for two years as superintendent of roads of Mad River township. He is a member of the Myrtle Tree church.

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### LEWIS A. STADLER.

One of the substantial citizens and leading farmers of this county is Lewis A. Stadler, farming a fine farm of eighty-six and one-half acres located on the Piqua and Urbana pike, four and one-half miles east of St. Paris, about half way between Urbana and the latter village. In the early days the old farm house on this place was used as a tavern, known as the Blue Bell Tavern, situated half-way between the two towns, and did a most flourishing business as a hostelry in pioneer times.

Mr. Stadler is a native of this county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Salem township, on Kings creek, August 20, 1868. He is a son of Lewis and Caradens (Klickow) Stadler, both of whom were natives of Germany, born near Hanover. Lewis Stadler and his wife both grew to maturity in their native land, and were married in Champaign county, Ohio, after coming to this country with their respective parents. After their marriage they rented land in Salem township, this county, on which they lived for a number of years. By means of untiring industry and effort, they were finally enabled to purchase a farm in Concord township, where they lived for five years, after which they purchased another farm in Concord township, and here they lived the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of six children, five of whom are now living: George, a traveling salesman of Urbana, Ohio; Emma, living on the old home farm in Concord township, this county; Charles, a graduate of Cincinnati Medical College, now practicing his profession at Lima, Ohio; William, living on the home farm; Lewis A., of this review, and Edward, who died in infancy. Lewis Stadler and his wife were both earnest and devoted members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Stadler was a Democrat in politics, firm in the principles and doctrines of that party.

When L. A. Stadler was eight years of age he accompanied his parents to the farm in Concord township, where he grew to manhood, receiving

his education in the public schools of the township. After reaching manhood he decided to follow farming as a vocation, and started out for himself by renting land in Concord township, where he remained twelve years, after which he moved to the farm where he is now living, and here he has since lived, being engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of good grade Shorthorn and Jersey cattle, in which line he has been very successful.

On January 14, 1900, L. A. Stadler was united in marriage to Darleta Comer, the daughter of Thomas and Zarah (Zimmerman) Comer, both of whom were natives of this county, the former born in Johnson township, and the latter in Mad River township. Mr. and Mrs. Stadler are the parents of six children, all of whom are living: Robert, in high school at Westville; Lee, a student in the seventh grade; Paul, in the fifth grade; Walter, in the fourth grade; Caradena, in the first grade, and Howard, three years of age. The family have all been reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, and take an active interest in church work. Mr. Stadler is a Democrat in politics, and while taking an active interest in all local public matters, yet is not an office seeker, or prominent in political matters. He is a warm supporter of all measures having for their object the betterment of his community.

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### ERESTES O. BLOSE.

A well-known farmer and life-long resident of Champaign county is Erestes O. Blose, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of eighty-eight acres one and one-half miles south of Westville on the valley pike in Mad River township, on rural route No. 9 out of Urbana. Mr. Blose was born on a farm lying just east of his present place, now owned by J. I. Blose, on April 15, 1855, and is a son of Henry C. and Sarah (Hess) Blose, the former of whom was a native of this county, and the latter of Virginia.

Henry C. Blose was born in Champaign county, the son of John and Amelia Blose, both of whom were natives of Virginia, being among the early pioneers of this county. Sarah Hess was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, coming to Champaign county in an early day with her mother, her father having died in Virginia. After his marriage Henry C. Blose rented land for two years, after which he bought the farm which is now owned by Mrs. William Kiser, of Urbana, where he lived for some years, after which he purchased one hundred and forty-seven acres of land, a part

of which is now owned by the subject of this sketch. On this farm he lived the remainder of his life, his wife surviving him several years, her death occurring in Westville. Henry C. Blose and wife were the parents of three children besides E. O.: Virdie O., deceased, was the wife of Harry Talbot, a farmer of Jackson township; Odos M., of Columbus, Ohio, and Lydia B., deceased, was the wife of William Berry, of this county. Starting out in life with nothing, Henry C. Blose managed to accumulate a good farm and became a well-to-do citizen by his own efforts. He was a Democrat in politics, and strong in his belief of the doctrines and principles advocated by that party. He served as township trustee for several terms, and also as a member of the township school board. His wife was a member of the Nettle Creek Baptist church, in the affairs of which she took an active and interested part for many years.

Erestes O. Blose was five years of age when his father moved to the farm on which he is now living, and he was reared to manhood on this place, receiving his education in the district schools of his home township. He assisted with the work of the home farm, and took up the management of this farm after his marriage, and has always lived here. He is a very successful farmer, and besides raising all the crops common to this section, is engaged in breeding and raising live stock, handling pure-bred Jersey cattle, and thoroughbred horses and hogs.

Mr. Blose has been twice married, his first wife being Rosella Ward, to whom he was married on January 8, 1878. She was a daughter of Gideon and Malinda Ward, both of whom were natives of this county, descendants of old Virginia stock. To Mr. Blose's first marriage four children were born: Vernon M., living on the home place; Evaline W., the wife of Gerald Colbert, a farmer of Mad River township; Grace L., the wife of Waldo Steinbarger, also a farmer in Mad River township, and Florence J., the wife of J. Burton Williams, of this county. The mother of these children died April 9, 1899, and on June 27, 1907. Mr. Blose was married to Dora Myrtle Brunk, who was born on a farm in Salem township, this county, the daughter of Joseph Brunk. Mr. Blose is a member of the Universalist church at Westville, Ohio, while his family are identified with the Nettle Creek Baptist church.

Mr. Blose is a Democrat in politics, and has served his township as trustee, and also as a member of the school board. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the Patrons of Husbandry in Mad River township, having passed several of the chairs in the latter lodge.

## THOMAS MORRIS.

Thomas Morris, who for many years was engaged in the blacksmith business in Westville, is of Irish nativity and knows of no reason why he should offer any apology for an incident in his life over which he had no control, nor is there any reason that he should be ashamed of the fact that real, genuine Irish blood courses through his veins. It is the Irish blood, brawn and muscle; it is the Irish industry and energy that have contributed so much to the development of this country and to the establishment of a good citizenship in any community of which they form a part.

Thomas Morris was born in County Wexford, Ireland, November 9, 1845. He was a son of William and Bridget Morris, who were both born and reared in Ireland, and where they were married. In 1848 they came to the United States, landing in New Orleans, where the wife died soon after reaching that place. With a brother and sister the husband came to Hamilton, Ohio, and, while working in the harvest field near that place, William Morris suffered a sun stroke, from the effects of which he died. At this time Thomas Morris, our subject, was about six years old, the only son of the three children born to the family. Thus deprived of both father and mother he was dependent upon the care of others, a mere waif in a strange land and among strangers. But he found some kind-hearted people who offered him a home and a place to work on a farm in Butler county, Ohio. He worked on the farm and at whatever he could find to do until he was twenty-one years old, when he went to Brown county, Ohio, and later to Highland county, Ohio. For sometime he was engaged as section hand on the Pennsylvania railroad at Piqua, and then went to Urbana, Ohio, where he found opportunity to learn the blacksmith trade. He worked at this place for two years and then was employed by J. H. Baker, wagon maker, in Westville, where he worked for eight years. He then started a shop of his own in this village, associating with himself a partner and operating under the name of Ryman & Morris. Later he bought his partner's interest and bought a livery stable which he converted into a blacksmith shop. He continued in business here until 1904, when he sold out and, in 1914, retired from business.

May 6, 1879, Thomas Morris and Nellie Lacy were united in marriage. The wife was born in Piqua, Ohio, May 25, 1854, and was reared and educated in that place, receiving her education from the public schools of Piqua. Mr. and Mrs. Morris settled down in the home in Westville



where they now live. Six daughters were born to this union: Mary J., a graduate of the university at Athens, Ohio, with high honors, and is now a high school teacher at Plain City, Ohio; Anna, was a teacher in the public schools, a graduate of high school, and took a business course, now the wife of Leo McCaffery, of Mad River township; Margaret, a graduate of the high school, and of the normal school at Athens, Ohio, a teacher in the normal training school at Athens; Elizabeth, took a business course at Moore's Business College, in Urbana, Ohio, now the wife of Neil Baker, of Columbus, Ohio; Nellie, graduate of the teacher's course in the normal school at Athens, Ohio, now teaching in Toledo, Ohio; Dorotha, graduate of the normal college at Athens, and of the Urbana high school, teacher in the public schools at Mansfield, Ohio.

The church relationship of the Morris family is with the Catholic church, at Urbana, Ohio. Mr. Morris is a Democrat in his political faith, but has never asked nor received a reward for his allegiance in the shape of public office. He is the present mail messenger between the postoffice and railroad station at Westville.

Agelie Brownwick, an officer in the English army, and the maternal great-grandfather of our subject, bred the horse that Napoleon rode to defeat at Waterloo.

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### CHARLES McDARGH.

Charles McDargh, engineer at the plant of the Desmond-Stephen Company at Urbana and one of the best-known and most popular veterans of the Civil War living in that city, was born in Urbana and has lived there all his life, having therefore been a witness to and a participant in the development of the county seat of Champaign county for the past half century and more, in which he has taken an active part in affairs there. He was born in a house on West Reynolds street on April 11, 1845, son of Barney and Elizabeth McDargh, natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who were married in that county and later came to Ohio and located at Urbana, where their last days were spent.

Barney McDargh was a butcher by trade and upon locating at Urbana, more than seventy-five years ago, opened there a meat market and continued engaged in that business the rest of his active life. Both he and his wife were active, energetic persons, strong and vigorous, and both lived to a great age, Barney McDargh being ninety-two years of age at the time of his death





CHARLES McDARGH.



and his wife, ninety-three. They were earnest members of the Presbyterian church and took an active interest in church work and other local good works. During the Civil War, he at sixty-two years of age, enlisted in the Union army and served until he was discharged for physical disability. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy, the others, besides the subject of this sketch, being as follow: Henry, an honored veteran of the Civil War, now deceased; John, also a veteran of the Civil War, now deceased, who was for years engaged as a contractor and plasterer at Urbana; Edward, an honored veteran of the Civil War, also engaged as a contracting plasterer, with offices at Urbana and at Sandusky; James, now deceased, who was a retail meat dealer at Urbana; Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, now living in Michigan; Jane, who married Frank Warner and is now deceased; and Susan, who married John Gardner and is also deceased.

Charles McDargh was reared at Urbana and his opportunities for attending school in his youth were somewhat limited. He had just reached "M" in his copy-book when the Civil War broke out and, though but sixteen years of age at that time, he dropped books and thoughts of all else save war and enlisted for service in the Union army, his being the fifth name subscribed to the enlistment roll in Urbana following President Lincoln's first call for volunteers in April, 1861. This first enlistment was for the three-months service and young McDargh went to the front with Capt. Jap Powell's company and with that command participated in the first battle of Bull Run. Upon the completion of that term of service, he returned home and immediately re-enlisted and returned to the front as a member of the Third Ohio Cavalry, attached to the Sixteenth Army Corps, and served with that command, taking part in all the numerous battles and engagements in which it participated, until the close of the war and received his final discharge at Columbus in the fall of 1865. The McDargh family throughout this part of the state was well represented in the Union army during the Civil War, there having been more than twenty of the McDarghs from Dayton and Urbana who went to the front during that struggle between the states. Mr. McDargh is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the affairs of which he ever has taken an earnest interest, having been "through the chairs" in that post; has been a frequent attendant at the state encampments of the department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, and has a wide acquaintance among the veterans of this state. During his service in the army Mr. McDargh acquired a skill at shooting that was little short of marvelous and his hand and his eye have retained much of their old-time

cunning in that regard, he still being recognized as one of the best "shots", particularly for a man of his age, in the state of Ohio. He is a man of admirable physique and retains in a remarkable degree much of his former physical strength and vigor, his present activities being on a par with those of many men many years his junior.

Upon the completion of his military service Charles McDargh returned to Urbana and there became engaged as a stationary engineer, a vocation he ever since has followed. His first service in that connection was an engineer in the grain elevator of Daniel Blose at Urbana and he remained there for five years, also having charge of the cattle yards during that time. He then was made engineer of the plant of the Urbana waterworks and for thirty-seven years served the city in that capacity, giving to that service his most thoughtful and earnest attention, and since then has been engineer in the manufacturing plant of the Desmond-Stephen Company at Urbana. Mr. McDargh is an ardent Republican and for many years has given his earnest attention to local political affairs, ever being interested in the cause of good government and has done much in behalf of clean politics in his home town. For the past forty years Mr. McDargh has been engaged in making a collection of relics of a miscellaneous character, with particular reference to relics that have some connection with the history of this section of Ohio, and he has accumulated one of the best collections of this sort in the state of Ohio, the variety and extent of the articles he has picked up at one place and another during this period giving to his collection a value that can not well be computed in cash terms. He has been offered hundreds of dollars for his collection, but has steadfastly rejected all such offers and has announced that at his death his museum is to go to George McConnell, of Urbana. Among other things, he owns the rifle which Simon Kenton, the Indian fighter, used.

In 1865, the year in which he received his final discharge from the army, Charles McDargh was united in marriage to Jennie Heplay, of Concord township, this county, who died in February, 1916. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Heplay, the former of whom was a veteran of the War of 1812 and who came to this county from Virginia. John Heplay, who was a shoemaker, was badly wounded during his service in the War of 1812 and from the effects of that wound lost the use of both his arms. He and his wife, who were the parents of a large family, spent their last days in Urbana. To Charles and Jennie (Heplay) McDargh five children were born, George, Lewis, Etta, Lottie and Frank. George McDargh, who is recognized as the champion sharpshooter of the world, has traveled all over the world giving exhibitions of his marvelous marksmanship. He has been twice married, his

first wife, Julia Fay, having died, leaving one child, a son, Percy, after which he married May Cogleman, to which latter union one son also has been born, Glenn. Lewis McDargh, an engineer now employed at Cleveland, married Fannie Downs and has two children, Louisa and Ralph. Etta McDargh remains at home, housekeeper for her father. Lottie McDargh married John Pool, the well-known bee man, of Urbana, and has one child, a daughter, Margaret. Frank lives in Urbana. In addition to his active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic, mentioned above, Mr. McDargh is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and a member of the Golden Eagles, in the affairs of both of which organizations he is warmly interested. His wife was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he has ever been interested in local good works, having in many ways been helpful in promoting such agencies as are designed to advance the common welfare of his home town and the community at large.

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#### MARINE R. ROSS.

Although over three decades have passed since the angel of death closed the interesting life chapter of Marine R. Ross, for many years one of the leading men of affairs of Champaign county, his influence still pervades the lives of many who had the privilege of knowing him, for he wielded a potent influence for good in his locality in a general way. He was a man who delighted in keeping the even tenor his way so far as it was consistent with good citizenship. Owing to his probity of character, his genuine worth, and his kindly disposition he was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. Ross was born in Champaign county, Ohio, on the old Ross homestead in Jackson township, September 10, 1835, being a scion of one of the sterling old pioneer families of this county. He was a son of Levi and Mary Ross, who came from Virginia to Jackson township in an early day and established their future home in the wilderness, developing a good farm by their close application and perseverance, and here they spent the rest of their lives. The father was active in the affairs of the county and was a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in that order. The mother was an ardent worker in the Baptist church. To these parents seven children, that grew to maturity, were born, named as follows: Martha, married Rev. Pit McCollough, and they lived for some time in Christians-

burg, Jackson township, and other places in this section of Ohio; Minerva, married John H. Thomas and they established their home in Christiansburg; Malvina, married Samuel Bruginier and they lived in Christiansburg and, also, the state of Indiana; Marine R., of this sketch; Marion A., who was educated at Antioch, Ohio, was a teacher by profession, and he was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, being executed by the Confederates at Atlanta, Georgia, during the war, being captured while one of the Andrews raiders; Margaret, married Isaac P. Pond, now deceased, but she is living at St. Paris, Champaign county; Maria L., married Charles Heckler, of Dayton, Ohio, but she now resides in the city of Columbus.

Marine R. Ross grew to manhood on the home farm and he received his education in the early-day schools of his locality in Jackson township. As a young man he went to Colorado and engaged in mining for about seven years, with a reasonable measure of success. He then returned home and operated the farm, taking care of his parents in their old age. He finally bought the home farm, which he kept well improved and the buildings remodeled. He also bought a home in Christiansburg, near the old home place. Mrs. Ross has continued to reside in the old home. It was originally a story and a half, but is now a modern twelve room house. Mr. Ross devoted many years of his earlier career to general farming and stock raising with much success. Finally he started a tile factory in partnership with John Thomas, which they operated with very gratifying results for many years, the products of their plant finding a very ready market over a wide territory owing to the superior quality of the tile they manufactured. After his death Mrs. Ross continued to run the plant one year. Mr. Ross was a man of rare business acumen and sound judgment, possessing executive ability of a high order. These attributes together with his habits of close application, perseverance, promptness and scrupulous honesty resulted in a large measure of success attending his efforts both as an agriculturist and manufacturer. He also engaged in the nursery business for some time with his usual success. At his death he left a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-nine acres, which Mrs. Ross later sold, retaining six and one-half acres surrounding the homestead.

Marine R. Ross was first married to Martha Green, of Troy, Ohio. She died in early life. To their union one child was born that died in infancy. On December 12, 1881, he married for his second wife, Rebecca S. Warner, who was born in Christiansburg, Champaign county, Ohio, in 1850. She is a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Fisher) Warner, the father a native of Alexandria, Virginia, and the mother of Georgetown,



Kentucky. George Warner was a son of William and Susan Warner, of Virginia, from which state they made the long overland journey in wagons to Ohio in early pioneer days, locating near Chillicothe, later moving to Madison county, settling on a farm near the present city of London, and there William Warner and wife spent the rest of their lives, and their children grew to maturity in that county. They reared a large family. William Warner was twice married, his last wife being Ruth Trott.

George Washington Warner, father of Mrs. Ross, grew to manhood on the home farm. He had little chance to obtain an education, but he was a great reader and became a well educated man. He and Elizabeth Fisher were married in Springfield, Ohio, where they lived for a while, later moving to Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, where he ran a tavern several years, then moved to Addison (now Christiansburg) in 1848. After locating there he turned his attention to the saddle and harness-making business, keeping a well patronized shop for many years, and he was known as a very highly skilled workman. His customers often came from long distances. There he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were active in church work. Politically, Mr. Warner was first a Whig, later a Republican and was very active and influential in public affairs. He was well known and highly respected. His family consisted of nine children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Amanda S., who married George McCullough, a merchant of Christiansburg, Ohio, and they are now both deceased; Emery, who married Zilpah Howell, of Christiansburg, but they are now both deceased; Harrison, married Ellen Gandy, was an agent during his active life and he is now deceased, dying some time ago at his late home in Christiansburg; Elias McClain, who married Elizabeth Sills, is a retired grocer in Christiansburg; Rebecca S., widow of Mr. Ross of this sketch.

Only one child was born to Marine R. Ross and wife, Marion L. Ross, whose birth occurred on April 19, 1883. He grew to manhood at Christiansburg and there attended school, later was a student in Springfield. He was a young man of much promise and of fine personal characteristics. His untimely death occurred on April 6, 1901.

Marine R. Ross was a staunch Republican and was influential in local public affairs. He was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His widow is also a member of this church.

Marion L. Ross, the son, was a nephew and namesake of the Marion A. Ross, who was one of the Andrews raiders during the Civil War, and who was captured and executed by the Confederates, at Atlanta, Georgia, in

1862. On May 30, 1891, a monument was dedicated to Ross and other raiders who had been executed, the monument having been erected in the National Cemetery at Chattanooga, Tennessee. At this dedication the principal address was made by Hon. Joseph B. Foraker, United States senator from Ohio, and the honor of unveiling the monument was given to Marion L. Ross, the nephew of one of the raiders and only son of the subject of this memoir.

The death of Marine R. Ross occurred in 1886.

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### ROY L. POWERS.

Roy L. Powers, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Christiansburg, this county, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Bowersville, in Greene county, June 14, 1886, son of Lewis and Angeline (Smith) Powers, who are still living in that county and who are the parents of four children, the subject of this sketch having two brothers and a sister, namely: Willbur, who is unmarried and who is now managing the home farm in Greene county; Orville, who was graduated from the Bowersville high school and the Ohio State University at Oxford and is now professor of agriculture in the college at Adrian, Michigan, and Nora, unmarried, who is at home with her parents.

Reared on the home farm in Greene county, Roy L. Powers received his schooling in the Bowersville schools and shortly after his graduation from the high school there was employed as a bookkeeper in the Bowersville Bank. Not long afterward he was made assistant cashier in the bank of the Port William Banking Company and continued thus engaged until in August, 1910, when he was made cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Christiansburg, which position he has ever since occupied. Upon entering upon the duties of that position Mr. Powers moved to Christiansburg and after his marriage two months later established his home there. The present organization of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Christiansburg is as follow: President, J. T. R. Wilson; vice-president, J. R. Marshall; second vice-president, J. W. Heffner; cashier, Roy L. Powers, and assistant cashier, Bert R. Richardson; with the above officers and Ralph Foster, Ezra Jenkins, C. B. Lair, W. L. Deaton and W. J. Drake constituting the board of directors.

In October, 1910, Roy L. Powers was united in marriage to Nellie C. Breakfield, who was graduated from the Port William high school and later attended college at Oxford, this state, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Max E., born on April 22, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Powers are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Christiansburg and Mr. Powers is a member of the board of trustees of the same and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 226, Free and Accepted Masons, and is the present treasurer of that lodge. Politically, he is a Republican.

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#### ANSON IRELAND.

Anson Ireland was born in the village of Terre Haute, May 15, 1870, a son of J. H. and Margaret (Davis) Ireland. The father of our subject came to this country when but a lad of eight years. Here he grew to manhood and was married. There were fourteen children born to this family of whom nine are now living: J. W., a farmer in Mad River township; Anna, wife of Link Slipliens, of Springfield, Ohio; Elizabeth E., wife of Charles Deibert, of Springfield, Ohio; Anson, subject of this sketch; Core S., assistant cashier of the Champaign National Bank, in Urbana, Ohio, was a teacher in the public schools, served as deputy treasurer, and was sheriff for four years; M. O., a groceryman at Kings Creek, Ohio; Mabel, wife of Noah Woodruff, farmer, Kings creek; Hettie, wife of Ed Dunahew, living near Kennard, Ohio.

Anson Ireland was reared in Terre Haute and educated in the public schools of that place. At the age of fifteen he began to work for himself. November 29, 1893, he was married to Ollie M. Zirkle, a daughter of David J. and Amanda (Lutz) Zirkle. She was born and reared on a farm in this township and educated in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Ireland began housekeeping where they now live. The comfortable house in which they now live was built by Mr. Ireland in 1913. Their two children now living are: Esta, wife of Homer Dingleline, living in Terre Haute, Ohio; Robert, graduate of the high school, 1917. Mrs. Ireland and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ireland is a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics. He is a member of the Republican party and interested in the promotion of the principles advocated by that

party. He has been an active member of the Republican county central committee.

Mr. Ireland is the owner of eighty acres of land in this township, and also has one hundred and twenty-five acres in Pike county, Ohio. He is a dealer in live stock and also a dealer in dressed meat, selling at wholesale.

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### JOHN TAYLOR JOURNELL.

John Taylor Journell, one of the prominent members of the city council at Urbana and who is engaged in the general insurance and real-estate business in that city, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Concord township on July 10, 1859, son of Crockett and Margaret (Taylor) Journell, the former a native of the state of Virginia and the latter of this county, well-to-do and influential residents of that part of the county.

Crockett Journell was born at Christiansburg, Virginia, April 4, 1828, and was about two years of age when his parents, John and Sarah Journell, came to this county from Virginia. John Journell bought a tract of land in Concord township, established his home there and there spent the remainder of his life, dying when his son was but five years old and leaving the family with but little of this world's goods. On the pioneer farm settled by his father, Crockett Journell grew to manhood and later started farming on his own account in Concord township, where, after his marriage, he established his home and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on April 3, 1905. He was a good farmer and an energetic and enterprising citizen and became the owner of a fine farm of four hundred and forty acres. He was married to Margaret Taylor on October 10, 1850. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Mary Etna, wife of George N. Kizer, of Urbana; Daniel Webster, who married Sarah Heath, and Flora Violet, deceased.

Donald Taylor, maternal grandfather of John Taylor Journell, was born near Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1795, and on February 15, 1815, married Mary McKerrel. They came to America in 1822, settling on Miami street in Urbana, Ohio. Later they located in Clark county eight miles south of Urbana, but in a few years returned to Champaign county, settling on what was known as the John S. Taylor farm, three miles northwest of





JOHN T. JOURNELL.





CROCKETT JOURNELL



Urbana, now known as the McBeth farm. He died on February 27, 1841. John T. Journell was reared on the parental farm in Concord township and received his schooling in the old Spring Run school house. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the home farm and remained at home until after his marriage in 1883, after which he began farming on his own account and was thus engaged in Concord township until his retirement from the farm and removal to Urbana in October, 1906. Shortly after locating at Urbana, Mr. Journell engaged there in the general real-estate, loan and insurance business and has ever since been thus engaged, being one of the best known dealers in these lines in this part of the state, having built up an extensive business. Mr. Journell is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs. He is now serving his second term as a member of the city council and in other ways has given of his time and energies to the public service.

On October 3, 1883, John T. Journell was united in marriage to Nora Hanna, daughter of George Hanna. Mr. and Mrs. Journell have a very pleasant home at Urbana and have ever taken a proper part in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Journell is a Mason and takes a warm interest in local Masonic affairs.

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### NOBLE O. HOAK.

Noble O. Hoak, subject of this sketch, lives on his farm on rural route No. 9, Urbana, Ohio, and it was in the old home on this farm that he was born, October 29, 1858. He is a son of Lemuel and Lucretia (Walker) Hoak.

Lemuel Hoak, father of our subject, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, August 28, 1826. He was a son of Jacob Hoak who came here from Virginia in an early day and entered a tract of land in Johnson township, where he established his home and where he spent the rest of his days. It was there Lemuel Hoak was born and grew to manhood in that home, working on the farm and getting such education as opportunity afforded in the public schools of the neighborhood. His wife, who was Lucretia Walker, was born in Greene county, Ohio. Her mother was a native of Boston and came to Ohio in an early day and lived here the rest of her life. After his marriage Lemuel Hoak lived for sometime in Westville, where he worked at his trade as a shoemaker and harnessmaker. In 1856 he removed to his

farm north of Westville, where he and his wife lived the rest of their days. Lemuel Hoak was a man of energy and industry and was well to do in the way of worldly goods. The family were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an active interest in church affairs, and in all other affairs that tended to the moral and educational advancement of the community. Mr. Hoak was active in the order of the Grange, and a public spirited man generally. He died in 1910; his wife died in 1909. She was born October 12, 1821. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Hoak only two are now living, our subject and a sister, Lavenia, the wife of L. A. McGinnis, living in Audubon, Iowa. All the other children, except one, lived to an adult age.

Noble O. Hoak was reared on the old home farm and was educated in the public schools, which he attended during the season when farm work was slack. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age and then started out for himself. He realized that one of the first essentials for success in a young man's life was to find a wife, and he addressed himself to this important duty. He found the object of his ambition and desire in the person of Miss Hattie Black, of Clark county, Ohio, to whom he was married, September 25, 1879. Miss Black was reared and educated in Clark county, Ohio. In 1886 Mr. and Mrs. Hoak went to Kansas, where they lived for five years and then went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In 1896 they returned to Champaign county, Ohio, and settled on the home farm in Mad River township, where they have since lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoak have four daughters: Mamie, the wife of D. O. Wiant, living in Columbus, Ohio; Elsie, graduate of the common schools, wife of O. B. Stickley, living in Concord township; Bernice, wife of J. W. Finley, living in Mad River township, Mildred, unmarried, living at home. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and active workers in church affairs. Mr. Hoak is president of the board of trustees and active in the work of the Sunday school.

Mr. Hoak is a member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, and a past chancellor of that order. He is also a member of the Grange order. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. He has been a member of the board of education of Mad River township for eight years, and is at present clerk of that board.

The farm owned by Mr. Hoak, and on which he has his home, is composed of eighty-six acres. It is a part of the land entered by Thomas Kenton, in 1812, and was purchased by Mr. Hoak's father of the Kenton heirs, the father being the fourth owner of the land. It is now a fine body

of land, well improved, with modern home and farm buildings. Mr. Hoak keeps good stock and everything about the place indicates that his farm is conducted according to modern farming methods. He raises Jersey cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs.

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### GERALD COLBERT.

Gerald Colbert, a farmer living on rural route No. 9, Urbana, Ohio, was born in the old homestead, about one-fourth of a mile from where he now resides, February 27, 1866. He is a son of Isaiah H. and Amanda (Wiant) Colbert. The father was born in Mad River township, January 31, 1821; the mother in the same township, February 18, 1827. Isaiah Colbert was the son of John and Anna (Smith) Colbert; she was born in Virginia and came with her parents to Ohio when she was twelve years of age. Isaiah Colbert was reared on the farm in Mad River township and received his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. John Colbert was one of the founders of the Nettle Creek Baptist church, of which he was a faithful and active member during his life. He was of English ancestry, his father, Jesse Colbert, being a native of that country and came to America in an early day settling near St. Paris. John Colbert served as a soldier in the American army in the War of 1812. His children were: Isaiah H., Sarah, John, Louisa and Peter.

Isaiah H. Colbert married Amanda Wiant, April 16, 1846. They had six children, two of whom are now (1917) living: Rosanna became the wife of David Landenbeck; Jennie married John W. Straub; Benjamin died single; W. J. Harwood married Mary M. and lived at Springfield, Ohio, where he died in 1909.

Gerald Colbert was reared in Mad River township on a farm and was educated in the district schools of the township. He attended school until he was sixteen years old and remained at home working on the farm until he was twenty-three. August 22, 1889, he was married to Laura O. Taylor, daughter of Simeon and Susan Taylor. She was born in Mad River township a short distance from the place where she now lives. Her education was obtained in the district schools and in the Urbana high school. The children of this union are: Lulu, deceased, was a graduate of the Westville high school and the wife of Weston McGill, to whom she bore one son, Harold Simeon; Evan T., a graduate of the Westville high school, and was

a student of the State University; Madge G., a graduate of the Westville high school and a student for one year in the State University; Donald H., a student in the Westville high school. The three last named are now living at home. Mr. Colbert's first wife died April 6, 1911, and he married October, 1913, Mrs. Eva W. Zirkle, who was born in Mad River township, a daughter of E. O. Bloze and widow of M. J. Zirkle, by whom she had one son, Richard.

Mr. Colbert has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Westville for twenty-five years. He is a member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, and is a past chancellor of that order. He was the county deputy of the order for Champaign county. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party, and has filled township offices.

Mr. Colbert has a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Mad River township. It is known as "Locust Knoll" farm and is located five miles west of Urbana, on the Urbana and Piqua pike. He raises Jersey cattle and Duroc hogs. The farm is well improved, with comfortable residence and all necessary farm buildings, and everything about the place is neat and attractive, indicative of thrift and prosperity.

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### JOSEPH P. LEONARD.

Joseph P. Leonard, a farmer living on his farm in Mad River township, Champaign county, Ohio, was born in Jackson township, this county, October 1, 1842, a son of George and Catherine (Zirkle) Leonard. The father was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and the mother was born in the same county and state. They both grew up in that state where they were married. After marriage they came to Ohio, first in German township, Clark county, then to Sandusky, Ohio, and then they located in Champaign county, in Jackson township, where they lived for several years. They then came to Mad River township and bought the farm where Joseph P. Leonard now lives, and there they lived during the rest of their lives. They were quiet, unassuming people and good citizens. They were members of the Lutheran church. They were the parents of eight children, only two of whom are now living: Joseph P., and Caroline, who lives in Nebraska, the widow of William Jenkins. The children of this family all grew to adult age. They were: George G., Lewis, William, Abe and Joseph P., the boys of the family. Sarah was the wife of Nathaniel Foltz,



Elizabeth, the wife of John Weaver; Emeline, was the wife of Henry Coffelt.

Joseph P. Leonard was reared on the farm in Mad River township, and was educated in the schools that were available in that time. He remained at home working on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age and then started out working for himself. He married Elizabeth Kesler and four children were born to this union: John, Wilson, Elmer and Charles. The wife died in 1876 and Joseph Leonard married Rosa Long. To this union two children were born: Olie, the wife of Clarence Gundolf; Emmett, a farmer in Clark county, Ohio.

Joseph P. Leonard owns one hundred and twenty acres of land and has made most of the improvements on his farm. He owns one hundred and seventeen acres in one farm and seventy-nine acres in another, in German township, Clark county.

In his political affiliation Mr. Leonard is a Democrat. He has served as supervisor of the township for two years. He is a quiet, unassuming man and an honorable and upright citizen of Mad River township, known and respected by the community in which his entire life has been spent. His last wife died in 1885.

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### GLENN RUTAN.

Glenn Rutan, one of the trustees of Goshen township, tenant of a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in that township, a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg and otherwise interested in the general business activities of the community in which he lives, was born on the farm on which he now lives, two and one-half miles north of Mechanicsburg, and has lived there all his life. He was born on July 11, 1876, son of Capt. D. W. Rutan and Lucy A. (Kimball) Rutan, for years well-known residents of that community, whose last days were spent at Mechanicsburg.

Capt. D. W. Rutan, who was an honored veteran of the Civil War, also was a native son of Champaign county, born on a pioneer farm a half mile north of Mechanicsburg on April 30, 1839, his parents having been among the early settlers of that community. Reared on the home farm in Goshen township, he early evinced an unusual interest in his studies and upon completing his schooling in the high school at Marysville began to teach

school and was thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. In 1861 he enlisted for service as private in Company D, Thirteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until the close of the war, being successively promoted to the rank of corporal, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain of his company, which latter rank he held when mustered out. Upon the completion of his military service Captain Rutan returned to the home farm and resumed his calling as a teacher, following the same for years thereafter, farming during the summers, and in 1871, about the time of his marriage, bought the farm on which his son Glenn is now living and there established his home, continuing to make that his place of residence until his retirement from the farm in 1903 and removal to Mechanicsburg, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in October, 1913. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, eight of whom are still living, the youngest having died at the age of four months, those besides the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, being as follow: Warren, a farmer, living in the neighboring county of Clark; Hiram E., a retired farmer now living at Spring Valley, this state; Benjamin M., a large farmer, now living at Marysville; Mary, wife of A. E. Bullard, a farmer of Goshen township, this county; D. W., of Dayton; Nellie, wife of Dr. H. O. Whittaker, of New Burlington, in Greene county, and Martha D., who is now living at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Glenn Rutan has spent his entire life in Goshen township. He received his schooling in the local schools, finishing in the high school at Mechanicsburg, and from the days of his boyhood was a helpful factor in the labors of developing and improving the home farm. He rents one hundred and fifty-five acres which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and improvement, he and his family being very comfortably situated there. Mr. Rutan is a Republican and has ever given close attention to local civic affairs, being now one of the members of the board of trustees of Goshen township. He also served for two years as township assessor and in other ways has given of his time and energies to the public service. In addition to his general farming operations Mr. Rutan also gives some attention to the general business affairs of the community and is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg.

Mr. Rutan has been twice married. His first wife, who was Nettie Doak, died in October, 1891, leaving one child, a daughter, Gertrude A., born on December 23, 1890, who was graduated with first honors from the Mechanicsburg high school, later took a course in Oberlin College and is now a stenographer in the office of the Firestone Rubber Company at Cleve-

land. On February 14, 1896, Mr. Rutan married Della McAdams, who was born in Union township, this county, and to this union eight children have been born, Roland, Winifred, Catherine, Dewitt, Fred (deceased), Willis, Dewey (deceased), Daniel William.

Winifred Rutan married Wingate Tullis, a farmer of Goshen township. The Rutans have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the community's general social activities. Mr. Rutan is a member of Homer Lodge No. 474, Knights of Pythias, at Mechanicsburg, and of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America at that place and in the affairs of both of these orders takes a warm interest.

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### JOSEPH H. SHAFFER.

Joseph H. Shaffer, a retired farmer, living in Terre Haute, Ohio, was born June 11, 1845. He was a son of Jacob and Anna (Dangledine) Shaffer. The father was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, October 26, 1808, a son of Abraham Shaffer, who was a life-long resident of Virginia and died in that state during the Civil War. Jacob Shaffer grew to manhood in Virginia and was married there to Anna Dangledine. He came to Ohio in 1836 and located in Terre Haute, where he engaged in his trade as a blacksmith, being the first blacksmith in the town. Some years later he removed to his farm, April, 1849, where he engaged in farming and spent the remainder of his days. He was a Democrat in politics. He was the father of seven children, three of whom are now living: John A., a farmer in Mad River township; Martha, the wife of Joseph Cutler, of Concord township, and Joseph H.

Joseph H. Shaffer was reared on the farm and received his education in the district schools of the township. He remained at home working on the farm until he was twenty-five years of age. September 4, 1870, he was married to Nancy L. Davis, who was born near Terre Haute. After marriage they settled on a farm southeast of Terre Haute, where they continued to live for forty-five years. The farm consisted of one hundred and twenty-six acres, southeast of town, and another tract of sixty acres lying northwest of the town.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer: Elmer, born November 5, 1871, married Lizzie Zirkle, is living on the farm; Lulu May, born May 14, 1886, educated in the public school of Terre Haute; Maggie

F., born December 31, 1876, died November 13, 1895. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in Terre Haute, and Mr. Shaffer has been a member of the official board of the church for thirty-five years. He has always been a liberal supporter of the church and actively interested in all its affairs. When the church was torn down a few years ago he was a member of the building committee for the erection of a new church. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

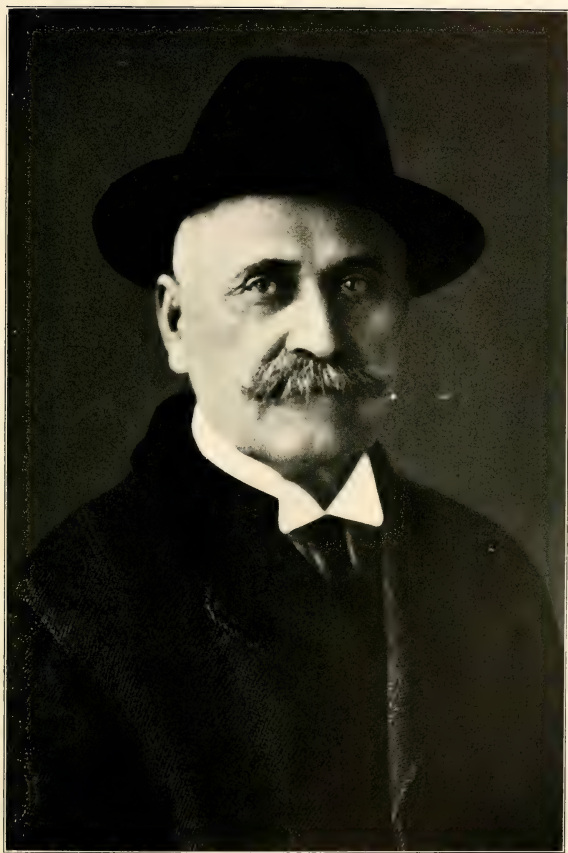
At the time of the breaking out of the Civil War Mr. Shaffer was a member of the Ohio National Guard, and on the call for volunteers for the regular service he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which became a part of the Army of the Potomac. He participated with his regiment in operations of the army around Richmond, in 1864, and in the many battles in which they army was engaged under the general command of General Grant. After the war he served in the National Guard for five years. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Tremont City. He has served on the school board. In 1915 he removed to Terre Haute and is now retired.

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### JAMES T. WOODWARD.

James T. Woodward, one of Urbana's best-known citizens, a retired miller of that city and an honored veteran of the Civil War, was born in the neighboring county of Logan, but has been a resident of Champaign county since the early fifties. He was born on January 28, 1845, son of Washington and Janette (Thompson) Woodward, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of this state, whose last days were spent in Urbana.

Washington Woodward was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1813, son of George and Alice (Buffington) Woodward, both natives of that same county, the latter of whom was born on September 11, 1777, the date of the battle of the Brandywine. George Woodward was a miller and in 1833 left his old home in Pennsylvania and came to this county, locating at Urbana, where he spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, Gideon, Jonathan, Washington, Ephraim, William, John, George, Lydia, Eliza and Ann. Washington Woodward grew to manhood in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and later came to Ohio and settled in Union township, this county, buying a tract of land eight miles east of Urbana. When he bought that place it had a small log cabin on it and all that was



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cleared was a bit of a plot about the cabin. He married Janette Thompson, who was born in Logan county, this state, a daughter of James Thompson and wife, natives of Scotland and early settlers in Logan county, and after living for some time in Logan county, established his home on his farm in Union township, this county, and there was successfully engaged in farming until his retirement from the active labors of the farm, when he and his wife moved to Urbana, where they spent their last days, her death occurring in 1882 and his, in 1885, he then being well past seventy years of age. He was of Quaker stock and she was a member of the Methodist church. They were the parents of five children, of whom but two grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch and his brother, Kemp C. Woodward, born on January 27, 1847, a substantial farmer of this county, who married Talitha Morse and died in 1877, leaving two children, Katie and Florence.

James T. Woodward was but a boy when the Civil War broke out and not long after he had passed his eighteenth birthday he enlisted, July 4, 1863, at Mechanicsburg, for service in the Union army and went to the front as a member of Company I, Eighty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, his first service being in the expedition after Morgan, the Confederate raider; later being sent into Kentucky and in September took part in the engagement at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, at which place the division to which he was attached, wintered. In February, 1864, he was mustered out, but at once re-enlisted and continued in service as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, taking part in the James River campaign and in the battle of Petersburg and on August 31, 1864, was mustered out with his regiment and paid off at Columbus. For three or four years after his return from his military service Mr. Woodward taught school during the winters, continuing engaged in farming during the summers, and after his marriage, in the spring of 1869, he continued farming for seven years, at the end of which time he moved to Woodstock, where he conducted the grain elevator and at the same time acted as agent for the railway company there, and was thus engaged at that place for seven years. He then moved to Urbana, where he ever since has made his home. For seven years after locating at Urbana Mr. Woodward was engaged in the milling business in that city, but of recent years has been living comfortably retired.

In March, 1869, James T. Woodward was united in marriage to Pamela Marshall, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and whose father, a farmer and stockman, died in Iowa, her mother, Mrs. Mary Marshall, afterward making her home with Mrs. Woodward in Urbana, where she

spent her last days. Mrs. Pamela Woodward died on June 1, 1916. Mr. Woodward is a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church at Urbana and is an active member of Brand Post, Grand Army of the Republic in the affairs of which patriotic organization he has for years taken a warm interest. Mr. Woodward is the only Civil War veteran who is in the public service of his county, having been appointed on January 8, 1913, an inspector of weights and measures.

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### CHARLES B. WING.

Charles B. Wing, president of the Wing Seed Company of Mechanicsburg, this county, and one of the best-known seed experts in the United States, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life, with the exception of five years spent in the West during the period of his young manhood. He was born at Mechanicsburg on April 8, 1878, son of William H. and Jennie (Bullard) Wing, both of whom were born in Cattaraugus county, New York, who came to Ohio in 1866 and settled on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Mechanicsburg, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Edwin, Joseph E., Willis O. and Jennie May. Elsewhere in this volume there is presented a memorial sketch of the late Joseph E. Wing, long known as "Alfalfa Joe," on account of the wonderful work he did in promoting the culture of alfalfa throughout the country and in that same sketch there is set out at some length the story of how the Wing brothers took up the work of alfalfa culture, beginning on the home farm in the neighborhood of Mechanicsburg, a labor of love which eventually led to the establishment of the present extensive seed-distributing plant of the Wing Seed Company at Mechanicsburg.

Reared on the home farm, Charles B. Wing received his schooling in the schools of Mechanicsburg and was graduated from the high school there in 1895. His health not being considered quite up to the mark at that time he was sent West with a view to securing relief through a change of climate and he remained there for five years, at the end of which time he returned home and became engaged as a salesman for alfalfa seeds raised on the home farm, his brothers having in the meantime begun the scientific culture of that forage crop. Presently he and his brothers formed a partnership and incorporated a company for the sale of general field seeds and grasses and



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as this line of business grew and developed they added to the same flower seeds and general vegetable seeds, before long having developed at Mechanicsburg one of the most extensive seed establishments in the state of Ohio. In 1915, following the death of Joseph E. Wing, Charles B. Wing became the president of the Wing Seed Company, the other officers of which now are Willis O. Wing, vice-president; Andrew S. Wing, secretary and treasurer, and Margaret Leahy, assistant secretary.

When the Wing brothers incorporated their company they started with a capitalization of thirty thousand dollars, which capitalization has since been increased to one hundred thousand dollars. The Wing Seed Company not only handles seeds gathered from all parts of the United States, but imports largely from Europe, drawing extensive supplies from England, France, Holland and Denmark, handling now about seven hundred varieties of flower seeds. The company made its reputation as alfalfa specialists, the Wing brothers being recognized as the pioneer alfalfa growers of Ohio, but in later lines has made an equally secure reputation, the tested seed corn, soy beans and garden and flower seeds distributed from the extensive plant of this company at Mechanicsburg being in wide demand throughout the country. Of recent years the Wing Seed Company has made a specialty of bulbs and at present has probably the largest collection of bulbs in the United States, handling more than four hundred varieties of Peonies, about two hundred varieties of Iris, one hundred and fifty of Dahlias and one hundred and fifty of Gladioli. The story of the beginning of the Wing Seed Company is as interesting as a romance. During the days of his young manhood Joseph E. Wing was working on a ranch in Utah and was much attracted to the growth of the alfalfa raised there. He sent some seed back to the home farm with instructions to his father and brother to plant and nurture the same, with a view to determine whether the soil of Ohio was adapted to the wonderful forage plant. The seed produced all right, but the plant seemed to give no promise of developing into anything like the crop that had been described in the enthusiastic letters from the West. The cause of this apparent backwardness was soon discovered to be due to predatory chickens that were eating the tops of the plants. The Wings then carefully protected a patch of selected plants and were amazed to note the growth the crop made. They realized that they had a species of "clover" entirely new to Ohio and when Joseph E. Wing returned from the West began the scientific culture of their wonderful "find." Joseph E. Wing took the lead in this work and it was not long until his labors began to be recognized by the government, the agricultural department employing him to spread



the propaganda of alfalfa broadcast, his work in this connection being of so enthusiastic a character that he came to be styled "Alfalfa Joe," a sobriquet that stuck to him the rest of his life and which came very properly regarded as a title of honor, for he did a wonderful work in the way of introducing alfalfa culture in other parts of the country and developing the interest of agriculturists generally in that valuable forage crop. Not only were his labors in this behalf extended into nearly every state in the Union, but he made three trips to Europe and one to South America in the same behalf and likewise extended his propaganda into Canada and Mexico. In 1913 the first "alfalfa picnic" was held at "Woodland Farm," the old Wing place near Mechanicsburg, and there were thirty-five hundred people present, among those who addressed the gathering being Governor Cox, A. P. Sandles and Dean Price, of the Ohio State University.

On May 4, 1905, Charles Wing was united in marriage to Jeannette Monce and to this union three children have been born, Marguerite May, Gardner Bullard and Charles Winston. Mr. and Mrs. Wing are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works of their home town and in the general social activities of the same, helpful in many ways in promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the common welfare thereabout.

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### JAMES H. IRELAND.

James H. Ireland was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, Ohio, October 30, 1839, and is now living in Terre Haute, Ohio. He is a son of William and Mary (Bell) Ireland.

William Ireland was born in Kentucky, and came with his brother, Thomas Ireland, to Champaign county when a young man. He was among the early settlers of this county. He located in Mad River township and found employment working by the day. Later he engaged in the stock-buying business, in which he was quite successful. His wife, Mary Bell, was born in Mad River township, her parents being Kentuckians. They had also come here among the early settlers in Mad River township, locating near to the place where Richard Lee now lives. Mary Bell was reared and educated here.

William Ireland was engaged in the stock-raising business, and, in 1846, the family removed to southern Indiana. While there an epidemic of cholera



broke out and the entire family, except James H., died with this scourge. James H. ran away from home and found a place with a family by the name of Owens, and thus escaped the fatal disease. He remained with this family one winter and then returned to Mad River township and found a home with the Bells where he grew to manhood.

James H. Ireland was married to Margaret A. Davis, February 28, 1861. She was a daughter of John W. Davis, and was born in Mad River township, October 29, 1842. To this union thirteen children were born, nine of whom are now living: Rowana, born September 11, 1865; L. B., born December 12, 1861, now deceased; John W., born June 3, 1863; Eliza, Anson, Foy, deceased; Cory, Elsie, deceased; Clifford, died in infancy; Mina, Viola, Mabel, Maggie F., deceased; Hettie C.

James H. Ireland enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War, serving in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry until the close of the war. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; also a member of St. Paris Lodge No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political affiliation is with the Republican party. He has served as constable and as a member of various boards in the township. His wife died November 9, 1903, at her home in Terre Haute, Ohio.

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### SAMUEL L. P. STONE, JR.

Samuel L. P. Stone, Jr., hardware merchant at St. Paris and one of the best-known and most progressive young business men of that city, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born at Urbana on May 30, 1884, son of Samuel L. P. and Julia (Geiger) Stone, the former a native of the state of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania, for years prominent and well-known residents of Urbana.

The elder Samuel L. P. Stone became a resident of Urbana in the days of his youth and there married Julia Geiger, daughter of Judge Geiger, of that city. He first engaged in the grocery business in that city and later formed an association with his brother in the hardware business, under the firm name of Stone Brothers, and was thus engaged for about forty years. He and his wife were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Ida, wife of George McConnell, of Urbana, and a brother, Levi G. Stone, a traveling salesman, residing at Pittsburgh.

Reared at Urbana, the junior Samuel L. P. Stone received his schooling in the public schools of that city and in Urbana University and upon completing his school work entered his father's hardware store and there became thoroughly familiar with the details of the hardware business, remaining there as a clerk until 1913, in which year he became engaged in business for himself, opening a hardware store at St. Paris, which he has since been conducting very successfully, his store being well stocked and operated according to up-to-date methods.

On August 12, 1904, Samuel L. P. Stone, Jr., was united in marriage to Lutie V. Ivins, who was born in Warren county, this state, and to this union two children have been born, Ferdinand F., born in December, 1908, and Nancy L., born June, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at St. Paris and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home town, helpful in the work of promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the common welfare. Mr. Stone is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Champaign Lodge No. 525, Free and Accepted Masons, and of St. Paris Chapter No. 132, Royal Arch Masons, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, taking a warm interest in the affairs of both of these popular fraternal organizations.

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#### GUY C. COUCHMAN.

Guy C. Couchman, farmer of Concord township, Champaign county, was born in the state of Kansas, August 12, 1886. He is a son of George and Elizabeth (Craig) Couchman, both natives of this county, where they spent their earlier years and were married. They settled on a farm in Salem township, but finally sold out and moved to Kansas, where they spent eight years on a farm, then returned to Champaign county, Ohio, and here the father's death occurred on December 21, 1905. Both were members of the Methodist church at Wesley chapel, and he was active in the work of the same. Their family consisted of eight children, namely: Addie is the wife of Perry Borden; Charles is farming in Logan county, Ohio; Bert is farming in Harrison township, this county; Mary is the wife of Will Calland; Lulu is the wife of Abe Maburry; Edith is the wife of Newton Calland; Frank is farming in Champaign county; Guy C., of this sketch.

Guy C. Couchman was six years old when his parents brought him

from Kansas to Champaign county, Ohio, and here he grew to manhood and attended the district schools. He assisted his father with the work on the home place until he was twenty-one years old, when he started farming for himself. About this time he was married to Celeste Vaughn, on November 3, 1906. She was born in Champaign county where she was reared and attended school.

After his marriage Mr. Couchman continued to make his home in Concord township, working out for a while by the month, later lived in West Liberty, then spent a year on a farm in his native county. He finally purchased sixty-one acres where he now lives and here he has made a very comfortable living as a general farmer. He raises a good grade of live stock.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Couchman, namely: Elsie, born on September 10, 1908, and Robert, born October 11, 1913.

Politically, Mr. Couchman is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist church.

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### JOSEPH H. DAVIS.

Joseph H. Davis is living a retired life in Terre Haute, Ohio, Mad River township. He was born near Terre Haute, December 6, 1848, a son of William and Annie (Weaver) Davis, who were residents of this county for many years. The father died when Joseph H. was only five years old. There were six children in this family of whom four are now living. The children are: John, of Urbana, Ohio; Mary E., deceased; Lucretia, widow of Evan Davis, Marion county, Ohio; Jane, deceased; Joseph H., our subject; Nancy, wife of Joseph Shaffer, Terre Haute, Ohio.

After the death of his parents Joseph H. Davis lived with an uncle and aunt in Mad River township. When the Civil War came on he enlisted first in the Home Guards, at the age of twelve years. Later he enlisted as a regular soldier in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war. After the war he returned to his home with his uncle and remained until 1868, when he was twenty years of age. He then went to Hardin county, Ohio, to manage a farm. While there he met and married Margaret J. Baughman, July 1, 1869. In 1875 he returned with his wife to Mad River township, where he rented a farm and worked by day's work for a few years. In 1882 they removed to Terre Haute and this has been their home ever since, while he has continued work as a farmer.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics, of Mad River township, and a past master of that order, having passed through all the chairs. He is a member of Brand Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana. He is a member of the county board of agriculture, having had a period of fourteen years of continuous service on the board. He has always been actively engaged in agriculture and endeavors to keep abreast of the times in that line of industry. Politically, he is a Republican, and he has always been firm in the belief that the principles on which that party was founded, and the policies advocated by that party, are principles and policies in accord with those on which the government was founded.

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### JOHN HESSELGESSER.

A venerable retired farmer of Champaign county is John Hesselgesser, now making his home at Eris, Concord township. He was born in Clark county, Ohio, November 8, 1837, a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Pence) Hesselgesser, natives of Pennsylvania and Clark county, Ohio, respectively. When a young man he left his native state and came to Clark county, Ohio, locating in German township, Clark county, and there he bought forty acres of bottom land. He sold that and bought eighty acres near Tremont City, on which he spent the rest of his life. He was first a Whig and later a Republican. He belonged to the German Reformed church. His death occurred on his farm in Clark county, May 30, 1869, at an early age. His widow survived him thirty-three years, dying on July 4, 1902, in Tremont City, Ohio. Eleven children were born to Richard Hesselgesser and wife, only three of whom are living in 1917, namely: John, of this sketch; Samuel is farming in Miami county, Ohio; Sarah J. is the wife of Granville Leber.

John Hesselgesser grew to manhood on the home farm in Clark county. He attended school in a log school house in his district. He remained at home, assisting his father with the general farm work until he was twenty-eight years old. During the Civil War he volunteered for special military duty at the time of Morgan's raid into Ohio, but did not see active duty. On March 29, 1866, he married Elizabeth Kizer, who was born in Concord township, Champaign county, Ohio, December 7, 1843. She is a daughter of Philip and Phoebe (Dagger) Kizer; the latter was a native of Virginia, and Mr. Kizer was born in Johnson township, Champaign county, on the



MR. AND MRS. JOHN HESSELGESSER.







farm which is now owned by Jason Kiser. His family consisted of nine children, three sons and six daughters. Philip Kiser was for years a leader in the Concord Methodist Episcopal church.

After his marriage Mr. Hesselgesser located on a farm in German township, Clark county, but a year later he moved to the farm now owned by J. W. Zimmerman, in Champaign county. His family consisted of four children, two of whom are deceased, namely: Ada is the wife of Elmer Offenbacher, of Urbana; Chester P. was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, with the degree of Master of Arts, he took special courses in bookkeeping and music, becoming proficient in each; he lives on his father's farm. He married Luretta Hesselgesser who grew up in Butler county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hesselgesser has devoted his active life to farming. He owns seventy-nine acres in one place, eighteen in another, and one and one-half in another. He has been living in retirement at Eris for some time. Politically, he is a Republican and has for some time been active in local public matters. He is now president of the Concord Township Cemetery Association. He and his wife belong to the Methodist church. He is a fine tenor singer, and in young manhood he did lots of work as choir leader in churches—in fact, he has followed work as a chorister in every community in which he has lived. His son has inherited his vocal talents.

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#### ANDREW B. C. DEATON.

Andrew B. C. Deaton was born in Jackson township, Champaign county, Ohio, May 23, 1856, a son of Samuel and Nancy (Cannon) Deaton.

Samuel Deaton was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, March 30, 1813. He learned to read and write after he had reached the age of fifteen years, and afterwards learned a trade. His father was an overseer of slaves in Virginia during the time that institution existed in that state, and he spent his entire life in Virginia. After the death of his father Samuel Deaton came with his mother and family to Ohio. The family consisted of six sons and three daughters. They first settled in Clark county, Ohio, near Northampton, where they continued to live for some time. In coming to Ohio from their Virginia home they moved in a covered wagon in which was carried all their personal possessions. Here the five boys of the family grew to manhood and married. They engaged in farming and

in time became possessed of good farms and good sized families. Samuel Deaton, father of our subject, made his start in splitting rails, an occupation that required hard labor for which there was a great demand in those times in that well-timbered country. In time he was able to buy eighty acres of land on which he established a home. He afterwards added fifty-six more acres to this farm, all of which he improved and continued to cultivate until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty-four years. He was one of the leading citizens of the township, and was trustee and school director for a number of years. His church affiliation was with the Methodist Episcopal church in which he was an influential and active worker. He was the father of six children, five of whom are now living. They are: Samuel H., a farmer in Jackson township, living on the old Deaton farm; James M., a farmer, living in Miami county, Ohio; Andrew B. C.; Charlotte, widow of G. P. Helvie; Martha, widow of Charles Howell.

Andrew B. C. Deaton was reared on the old farm and was educated in the district schools. He made his home on the old farm until he was twenty-five years old. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching in the district schools and followed this vocation for sixteen years. He married Ella Proctor and to this union three daughters were born:

Zilpha, graduate nurse of the Flower Hospital, of Toledo, Ohio; Zephyr, graduate of the Piqua high school, and student at Delaware, Ohio. She has been a teacher for several terms in the township schools; married Neal McMorran, lives near St. Paul, Ohio. Zola, graduate of Piqua high school, a teacher and a student for a time at Delaware, Ohio, married A. C. Pence, principal of high school at Coshocton, Ohio. Mrs. Zola Pence died on January 1, 1898. He subsequently married Nora Davis and they have five children: Clifford, Martha and Marlow (twins), Herman and Edmund M., all living at home.

Mr. Deaton is the owner of one hundred acres of fine farming land, all well improved and in a fine state of cultivation. In addition to general farming he deals largely in fine graded stock, a line of industry to which his farm and facilities are well adapted. He is also interested as a grain dealer and is one of the directors of the Conover Grain Company, at Conover, Ohio.

In his fraternal affiliation Mr. Deaton is a member of Social Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Addison, Ohio. His political affiliation is with the Republican party. He has held official position as trustee of the township and as a member of the school board. He has always taken an active interest in educational affairs and in all other matters that pertain to the welfare and betterment of the community of which he is a citizen.

## SARAH E. NEESE.

Sarah E. Neese lives on her farm located on the Thackery and Terre Haute pike, Mad River township, rural route No. 4, Urbana, Ohio, her farm joining the west side of Terre Haute. She was born on a farm lying west of Thackery, in Jackson township, May 16, 1845, a daughter of Duncan and Susan (Ray) Thackery.

Duncan Thackery was born in Yorkshire, England, and came with his parents, John and Elizabeth Thackery, to the United States when he was sixteen years of age. They came to Champaign county, Ohio, and located on a tract of land one mile west of where the village of Thackery now stands. The country was all new and land was very cheap. They finally bought a small piece of land on which they put a house of cheap construction, with no doors nor windows in it, and this is how and where the Thackery settlement was started. Duncan Thackery was reared to manhood in Jackson township. His wife, Susan Ray, was of German descent. She was born near Northampton, Ohio. After marriage to Mr. Thackery they settled in Jackson township on a piece of land which they bought, and there they began life and continued to live for a number of years, and reared a family of nine children. They, like most of the early settlers, started out in very poor circumstances, as to worldly possessions, but by industry and economy they gradually increased their possessions until they had acquired a number of acres and a good farm. Mr. Thackery was a man well known and a highly respected citizen. Mrs. Thackery was also a woman of intelligence and highly esteemed in the community, a woman of motherly attributes and sincerely devoted to her home and family. Through her influence the family was educated and trained in right moral principles, and by her economy and intelligent judgment her husband prospered. The nine children born to this family were: Anna Jane, deceased; Sarah E., John, of Thackery, Ohio; Mary, married Andrew Ryman and lives in Iowa; William, living in Clark county, Ohio; Finley, living in Jackson township; Arabella, wife of Michael Faltley, of Thackery; Emma, wife of Aaron Insley, Clark county; Joseph, Clark county.

The family were members of Newsome Chapel, Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Thackery was one of the most active and influential members. He was a Republican, but not active in politics. He was a home man and found his greatest delight in his family.

Sarah E. Neese grew to womanhood in the old home in Jackson town-

ship and received her education in the district schools of the neighborhood. She was married to John Neese, July 16, 1881. He was born and reared in Mad River township and received a good education in the public schools. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Neese lived for a short time on a part of the home land, and about 1883 they bought the present farm. Mr. Neese died, February 9, 1914, having lived here nearly all his married life. The farm now owned by Mrs. Neese consists of sixty-four acres. She has been a life-long member of the Newsome Chapel, Methodist Episcopal church.

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### SOLOMON PRINCE.

Solomon Prince, one of the oldest native-born sons of Champaign county now living in this county and the proprietor of a well-kept farm of forty-five acres in Johnson township, four miles north of St. Paris, was born on a pioneer farm in Mad River township, December 22, 1834, and has lived in this county all his life, a period of more than eighty years. His parents, Martin and Elizabeth (Snapp) Prince, natives, respectively, of Virginia and of Pennsylvania, were married in the latter state and then came over into Ohio and settled on a pioneer farm in Mad River township, this county, where they established their home, but later moved to a farm in Johnson township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that neighborhood. Martin Prince was a good farmer and became the owner of two hundred acres of excellent land. He was a Democrat and took an active part in local political affairs. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church, active in church work, and their children were reared in that faith. There were thirteen of these children, five of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being John, of St. Paris; William, of Piqua; Susanna, wife of John Brown, of St. Paris, and Amanda, widow of Benjamin Apple, of St. Paris.

Reared on the home farm in Mad River township, Solomon Prince received his early schooling in a little old log school house in that neighborhood and completed his schooling in the schools of Johnson township, to which latter township his parents moved in the days of his youth. He remained at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-one and then established his home on the farm on which he is now living and where he ever since has resided, becoming very comfortably situated there. Mr. Prince is a Democrat and has ever taken an interested part in the county's

political affairs. For eight years he served as trustee of his home township and also served for some time as director of his local school district. During the days of his young manhood Mr. Prince was a member of the state militia organization, second lieutenant of his home company, but was never called into active service. Having been a continuous resident of Champaign county all his life, a period of more than eighty years, Mr. Prince has witnessed the development of this county from pioneer times and has thus seen some amazing changes in conditions of living. He has a clear memory of events of the days of his youth and is therefore one of the best-informed men in the county on matters relating to the history of Champaign county during the past seven or eight decades.

On September 4, 1856, Solomon Prince was united in marriage to Sarah Brown, who was born in Johnson township, this county, August 30, 1839, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Bunton) Brown, pioneers of that section of that county, and to this union have been born five children, all of whom are still living, an unbroken family, namely: Mary, wife of James Maggert; Clara, wife of Leonard Snapp, of Columbus, this state; Thomas, a farmer, who married Alta Howard and is living at Columbus, and Alice, wife of James B. Putnam, a well-known farmer of Johnson township. Mr. and Mrs. Prince are members of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church and have ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community in which they have so long resided.

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### J. H. BIDDLE.

J. H. Biddle, postmaster at St. Paris, formerly and for years engaged in the grocery business in that city, for ten years clerk of Johnson township, former state deputy supervisor of elections for Champaign county and former chairman of the Champaign county Democratic central committee, was born at St. Paris and has lived there all his life. He was born on May 11, 1862, son of John and Frances (Bater) Biddle, the former of whom also was a native of Ohio and the latter of the republic of Switzerland, whose last days were spent at St. Paris, the latter dying there many years ago and the former surviving until the summer of 1916, a well-known retired merchant of that city.

John Biddle was born on a pioneer farm near Marysville, in the neighboring county of Union, in 1834, and there grew to manhood. At Spring-



field, this state, he married Frances Bater, who was born in the city of Basel, in the republic of Switzerland, and who was but ten years of age when she came to this country with her parents, the family locating near Kenton, this state, later moving to Springfield, where she grew to womanhood and where she married Mr. Biddle. After their marriage they came to Champaign county and located at the village of Christiansburg, but presently moved from there up to St. Paris and there established their permanent home. Mr. Biddle had been trained as a baker, but not long after locating at St. Paris engaged there in the grocery business and was thus engaged until his retirement from business in 1900, after which his son, the subject of this sketch, who had for some time been his father's partner, took over the business and continued it. The elder Biddle continued to make his home in St. Paris and there his death occurred on August 10, 1916, he then being eighty-two years of age. John Biddle was twice married. His first wife died at St. Paris in 1876, leaving five children, of whom three are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, W. A. Biddle, of Springfield, and a sister, Mary N., wife of A. W. Long, of Fostoria, this state. He married for his second wife Amanda Losh and to that union one child was born, a daughter, Alice, widow of Pharad Reed.

Reared at St. Paris, J. H. Biddle was familiar with the details of his father's store from the days of his boyhood and following his graduation from the high school in 1880 he devoted his time to the business and in 1884 was made a partner of his father, the business thereafter being conducted under the firm name of Biddle & Son, and was so continued until the retirement of the elder Biddle in 1900, after which J. H. Biddle operated the store alone until his appointment to the office of postmaster of St. Paris in 1914, since which time he has given his full attention to his official duties. In addition to his commercial interests Mr. Biddle is a stockholder in the Central National Bank of St. Paris and has for years taken an active interest in all movements having to do with the promotion of the material interests of his home town, one of the most persistent and consistent "boosters" of that city. Mr. Biddle is a Democrat and for years has been one of the leaders of that party in this part of the state. For ten years he was township clerk and was also for years state deputy election supervisor for Champaign county, serving in that capacity until 1914. For years he has been an active member of the Champaign county Democratic central committee and during three campaigns served as chairman of the same. Fraternally, Mr. Biddle is a member of Pharos Lodge No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons, and takes a warm interest in local Masonic affairs.



## MRS. HANNAH M. FIELDER.

Mrs. Hannah M. Fielder, widow of the late Thomas P. Fielder, who was a well-known farmer of Adams township, was born in Logan county, this state, a daughter of William and Mary (King) Snapp, farming people, who came to Logan county in an early day.

William Snapp was born in Logan county, Ohio, where his parents had come to settle. His parents were natives of the state of Virginia and on coming to this state settled on a farm, where they spent the remainder of their lives. William Snapp grew up on the farm in Logan county and was there educated in the public schools. He worked on a farm when a young man and was married to Mary M. King, of Logan county. After their marriage they located on a farm in that county and some time later they moved to Pierceton, Indiana, and lived on a rented farm for a few years in that place. They then returned to Logan county and resumed farming, and spent the remainder of their lives in that county. William Snapp and his wife were earnest members of the Dunkard church and were warmly interested in all good works of the church, ever helpful in promoting the common good of the community in which they lived. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are living in 1917: Samuel, a well-known farmer, of Logan county, Ohio; Hannah M., who became the wife of Thomas P. Fielder; Isaiah, a farmer, of Adams township, Champaign county; Elsie, who lives in Logan county, and Lydia E., also living in Logan county.

Hannah M. (Snapp) Fielder was reared on her father's farm in Logan county and was educated in the common schools of her home neighborhood, continuing to reside with her parents up to the time of her marriage. On April 13, 1876, Hannah Snapp was united in marriage to Thomas P. Fielder, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, on April 12, 1846, and died on May 28, 1912, deservedly regretted by a large circle of friends in Champaign county and outside it. He was a farmer during his active life and was warmly interested in the progress of all movements having for their purpose the welfare of the community. Mr. Fielder was reared on his father's farm in Logan county and attended the common schools of his home district.

Mr. and Mrs. Fielder commenced farming on the place on which Mrs. Fielder now lives. Mr. Fielder was an expert farmer and met with marked success in his agricultural operations, all of which were carried on according to modern requirements. He was a member of the United Brethren church in Adams township and was active in all departments of church work. His

life was an exemplary one and as a husband, father and citizen he was regarded throughout the community as a model whose life might be copied with advantage. He was a supporter of the Democratic party, but had never been a seeker after public office. Mr. and Mrs. Fielder were the parents of two children, Albert C., born on April 29, 1879, who married Daisy Friend and they are parents of five children, Audrey M., Robert W., Bernice C., James H., and Helen E.; and Thomas R., who died at the early age of fourteen years. Mrs. Fielder is a member of the Mt. Zion United Brethren church and is a close attendant on all the services and good works of the church and of the community in which she has been so long a resident and where she is held in warm regard by a wide circle of friends.

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### JAMES E. RUSSELL.

James E. Russell, proprietor of a well-kept farm of sixty-eight acres at Eris, in Concord township, this county, and vice-president of the board of education, Concord central school, until January, 1916, was born on a farm one and one-fourth miles west of Eris and has lived in that neighborhood all his life, being one of the best-known and most progressive residents of that part of the county. He was born on September 6, 1848, son of Valentine and Margaret (Hill) Russell, members of pioneer families in that community, whose last days were spent there.

Valentine Russell was born on May 24, 1814, and was four years of age when he came to Champaign county with his parents, Robert and Mary (Miller) Russell, from Virginia, the family settling in Concord township. Robert Russell was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, November 18, 1783, and was married there in 1811, remaining in that county until 1818, when he came over into Ohio with his family and settled in Concord township, this county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their days, useful and influential pioneers of that part of the county. Upon settling in Concord township Robert Russell entered a quarter of a section of land and later became the owner of an additional quarter section, being a well-to-do farmer. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, those besides Valentine, the first in order of birth, being James, who married Julia Mitchell; Sarah, who married David H. Neer; Robert, Jr., who married Mary Sweet and, after her death, Lydia Huff; Mary, who married



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Elias Wilson and, after his death, William Barger; Elizabeth, who married Levi Johnson; Ann, who married Ephraim G. Miller, and John, who married Margaret Russell.

As noted above, Valentine Russell was but four years of age when he came to this county with his parents from Virginia and he grew to manhood on the pioneer farm in Concord township. On July 26, 1836, he married Margaret Hill and established his home in that same township, becoming a substantial farmer, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He died on May 23, 1871, and his widow survived him many years, her death occurring in December, 1903. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Robert H., born on June 8, 1837, who married Almira J. Rohrer and died on September 25, 1911; Minerva A., May 27, 1839, wife of Silas N. Longfellow; Eliza J., May 12, 1841, wife of Adam P. Vance; Mary A., who died in infancy; John F., June 14, 1851, who married Emma Wiant and after her death, Amanda Caldwell; Loren, who died at the age of seventeen years, and Albert W., April 4, 1859, who married May Snarr.

James E. Russell was reared on the home farm in Concord township, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he began to farm on his own account. He was married in 1871 and with the exception of ten years spent farming in Logan county has lived all his life in this county, long having been a resident on his well-kept farm at Eris, where he is now living and where he and his wife are very comfortably situated. Mr. Russell is a Republican and has for years taken an active part in local civic affairs, particularly with reference to the schools, and is the present vice-president of the board of education, Concord central school, and has done much to advance the interests of education in that section, the Concord central school being one of the best "centralized" schools in this part of the state.

Mr. Russell has been twice married. On December 24, 1871, he was united in marriage to Matilda J. Kizer, who also was born in this county and who died on May 9, 1872. On April 30, 1879, he married Ann C. Kizer, who was born on the old Kizer farm in this county, April 11, 1846, a daughter of Philip Kizer and wife, and to this union two children have been born, Charles E., born on July 26, 1880, and Lillian B., July 4, 1882. Charles E. Russell was educated in the common schools of this county and for some time taught school. On June 6, 1906, he married Zella Offen-

bacher and to this union two children have been born, Blanche E., born on February 4, 1908, and Marjorie F., May 31, 1909. Lillian B. Russell was married on November 14, 1905, to John W. Elwell and died on May 6, 1912, leaving her husband and one child, a son, William R. Elwell, born on July 27, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are members of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Russell is a member of the official board and one of the trustees, both taking an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of their home community.

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### JAMES S. BLACK.

James S. Black, president and general manager of the Christiansburg Concrete Tile and Supply Company, a member of the Christiansburg common council, a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of that place and one of the most active and influential business men of that thriving community, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Pike township, in the neighboring county of Clark, December 31, 1858, son of Matthew and Catherine (Richardson) Black, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families there, and both of whom are now deceased. Matthew Black was one of a family of ten children born to his parents and all of whom are now dead. He became a successful farmer and stockman and had a good farm plant down in Clark county. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, four of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Emma C., Martha B. and Jennie M. Black.

Reared on the home farm, James S. Black was from the days of his boyhood a valued assistant in the labors of developing and improving the place and remained there after his marriage in 1884 until his retirement from the farm in 1909 and removal to Christiansburg, where he since has made his home. He bought the old home place of one hundred and forty acres and still owns the same, a well-improved and valuable piece of farm property. Mr. Black is a Democrat and for some time during his residence in Clark county served as assessor of Pike township and as a member of his local school board, and is a present member of the common council of the village of Christiansburg. Mr. Black is the president and general manager of the Christiansburg Concrete Tile and Supply Company, which



was incorporated in 1910 with a capital stock of eight thousand dollars, with the following officers: President, J. S. Black; vice-president, Ralph Foster; secretary, A. J. Bright; treasurer, J. T. R. Wilson, and the above officers and W. J. Drake, O. D. Lamb and Ezra Jenkins, directors. This company manufactures drain tile, cement blocks, brick fence posts and the like and also does a general business in plaster and cement. It has a well-equipped plant for the manufacture of its products and is regarded as one of the leading industries in the southwestern part of the county. Mr. Black also is a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Christiansburg and is in other ways interested in the general business affairs of that thriving village.

On October 8, 1884, James S. Black was united in marriage to Sarah E. Wallace, of Warsaw, Indiana, who died on October 14, 1916. To that union was born one child, a daughter, Elsie M., wife of John W. Stott, of Christiansburg. Mr. Black is a member of the Christian church, one of the trustees of the same, and during his residence in Clark county served for fifteen years as clerk of the Honey Creek church in that county.

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#### HIRAM KNULL.

Hiram Knull, well-known proprietor of a thriving grocery and meat market at St. Paris and a former member of the city council there, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Jackson township, not far from St. Paris, September 23, 1859, son of Daniel and Mary E. (Schusser) Knull, both of whom also were born in this state, of German descent, and who were married in this county. Daniel Knull was born at Germantown, but came to this county in his youth and here he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on his farm in Jackson township in 1897. His widow died April 12, 1917. To Daniel Knull and wife four children were born, those besides the subject of this sketch being Catherine, wife of George Stradling; David, a farmer in Grant county, Indiana, and William, deceased.

Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of St. Paris, Hiram Knull completed his schooling in the St. Paris schools and was engaged at farming and in various other pursuits until after his marriage, when, in 1893, he became engaged in the fish business at St. Paris. As his business grew he gradually enlarged the same by adding a meat market and then a general

stock of groceries and fruits and has since been very successfully engaged in that line, having done very well, acquiring several bits of property in St. Paris and a fine farm near that city, long having been regarded as one of the leading business men in his home town. Mr. Knull is a Democrat and for four years served as a member of the common council of the city of St. Paris.

It was in the fall of 1892 that Hiram Knull was united in marriage to Frances Baughman, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Knull have a pleasant home at St. Paris and take a proper interest in the general affairs of their home town, helpful in promoting all good works there. Mr. Knull has never actively identified himself with any church organization, but has been a liberal supporter of movements backed by the church and is doing his part as a citizen to advance the general welfare.

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#### W. L. STABLER.

W. L. Stabler, a progressive and substantial farmer and stockman, owner of sixty-five acres of prime land in Adams township, was born in that same township on September 22, 1865. He is the son of C. G. and Catherine (Pencil) Stabler, the former of whom was a native of Germany and the latter a native of Champaign county, Ohio.

C. G. Stabler was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in March, 1830. While still a young man he decided to chance fortune in the United States. He left his native land and on arriving at port in this country he immediately came along to the state of Ohio, locating in Degraff, and later in Adams township, this county. His first employment was as a hired hand on a farm and he also worked for a cooper, saving all the available money he could command with the view to engaging in farm work on his own account. He was united in marriage in Champaign county to Catherine Pencil, who died on February 28, 1915. Since the death of his wife he has been living by himself. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are still alive, namely: Mary, who became the wife of Seymour Young; Barbara C., deceased; William L., the subject of this sketch; George F., a farmer, living in Adams township, and John E., also a farmer of Adams township. C. G. Stabler, during his active life, was engaged in farming and was successful in his agricultural operations.

William L. Stabler was reared on the farm and received his educa-

tion in the public schools of Adams township. At the close of his school course he worked on his father's farm and remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age. He was united in marriage on February 17, 1891, to Anna Staley, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, and was educated in the common schools of that county. Following his marriage Mr. Stabler commenced farming on his own account, becoming a renter of land for some time. Succeeding in this direction, he subsequently bought some land and he is now the owner of a compact and well-kept farm of sixty-five acres of choice land. His farm is situated on route No. 1, Quincy, Adams township, and here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, in the latter line raising some good grades of all kinds of stock, and in both branches of his agricultural labors he has met with marked success. His farm and buildings are in an excellent state and well cared for.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Stabler three children have been born as follow: Nora C., who is at home with her parents; Raymond, a student in the Rosewood high school, and Junieus. During Mr. Stabler's residence in Champaign county he has witnessed many important improvements being carried out and in all matters tending towards the public good he has always taken the part of a progressive citizen. The Stabler family are members of the Lutheran church at Sidney, Ohio, and are warmly interested in all the affairs of the church, ever setting the example of sincere and earnest lives. Mr. Stabler is a supporter of the Democratic party, but has never been a seeker after public office. Nevertheless, he takes a good citizen's part in supporting candidates who are calculated to serve the requirements of the public in the best manner.

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#### EDWIN J. NEAL.

Edwin J. Neal, a well-known and well-to-do farmer, of Adams township, Champaign county, on route No. 5, Sidney, was born on the farm on which he now lives on November 29, 1850. He is the son of Daniel D. and Eliza (Robinson) Neal. His father was born on the same farm and in the same house about 1820. Eliza Robinson was born in Shelby county, Ohio, in 1819.

Daniel Neal, the father of Daniel D. and grandfather of Edwin J. Neal, entered the land now in the possession of his grandson and was among the early pioneers of this part of Champaign county. He cleared the land and planted it to crops, enduring all the hardships of that early day, when neighbors were scarce and wild animals numerous. He lived and died on this farm

and here his son, Daniel D., father of the subject of this sketch, also lived and died. Daniel D. Neal, following his marriage to Eliza Robinson, settled on the farm and continued to develop it as he went along. He and his wife were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, as follow: John T., who served nearly four years in the Civil War, is now living in Troy, Ohio; William H., deceased; Edwin J., the subject of this sketch; Reuben H., deceased; Mary J., deceased, and Rebecca, the wife of George Wooley, of Lima, Ohio. Daniel D. Neal was an active member of the United Brethren church and a warm supporter of its good works. He was a staunch Republican, but never was a candidate for public office.

Edwin J. Neal was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the public schools of the district. On finishing the school course he worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one. He then went to Palestine, Ohio, and spent about two years in the saw-mill business, after which he went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and worked in the lumber business in that state for three years. Following his work in the lumber business he returned to this county and has lived here ever since.

In 1871 Edwin J. Neal was united in marriage to Elizabeth E. Stockton, who was born in Shelby county, Ohio. They became the parents of the following children: Harry S., of Dayton, Ohio; Mabel, wife of Edward Cline, of Memphis, Tennessee; Wallace, who lives in Lima, Ohio. Mr. Neal's first wife died in 1891. He married Sarah E. Werth, October 16, 1892. She was born in Miami county, Ohio, October 16, 1866. They became the parents of one daughter, Alma Marie, born on July 11, 1895. She attended the common schools and graduated from the St. Paris high school and from the State University in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is now a teacher in the high school of Butler county, Ohio.

The Neal family are members of the United Brethren church. Mr. Neal is a member of the Rosewood Lodge No. 253, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has been past noble grand, and is a member of the encampment in the same place. He and his wife are members of the Rebekah order, in which his wife is a past noble grand. He was a charter member of Quincy lodge, and he also holds affiliation with the Golden Eagles; and in all these orders he and his wife are earnest members, ever wishful to promote the good of the community in which they reside. In addition to supporting the Republican party he is also an active Prohibitionist, being a consistent opponent of the liquor traffic. Mr. Neal is the owner of ninety-one acres of choice land in Adams township, where he carries on general farming.

## GEORGE F. BUCK.

George F. Buck, a well-known general farmer and extensive stockman, living on route No. 2, Degraff, Adams township, was born in Johnson township, Champaign county, on August 18, 1863, a son of Edward and Irene (Evisazer) Buck, farming people.

Edward Buck, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Johnson township, this county, the son of pioneer parents, on April 4, 1832. His wife was born in Adams township. Edward Buck's parents were Abither and Cynthia (Wilder) Buck, the former of whom was born in the state of Vermont and the latter in the state of New York. After their marriage they came to the state of Ohio and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Johnson township. They were among the early settlers of that part of the county and at the time they settled on the farm there were not many neighbors within reach. Abither Buck built a log cabin on his farm and he and his wife continued to live there to the end of their lives, worthy citizens, who were held in high esteem throughout the countryside. Their labors on the pioneer farm were amply rewarded and at the time of their deaths they were in comfortable circumstances. They were the parents of the following children: David, Edward, Jeremiah, Pierson, Hannah, Mary J. and Cynthia. Hannah was married to Simon Snyder, and both are deceased.

Edward Buck, father of George F. Buck, was reared on his father's farm in Johnson township and attended the district schools of the period. He assisted his father on the farm for some time and later moved to Adams township and farmed there for some years, subsequently going to Urbana, where they spent the rest of their lives. Edward Buck was engaged throughout his active life at general farming and made a success of all his agricultural operations. He was the father of seven children, five of whom are still living, as follow: Joseph; Rebecca, who became the wife of Mr. Durwester; Phoebe J., who married John Tucker; George T., the subject of this sketch, and Margaret, who married John Roe.

George T. Buck was reared on the farm in Johnson township and was educated in the district schools. He worked on the home farm until he was twenty years of age. He taught school for seven years in Champaign county and has always taken a warm interest in all that appertains to the welfare of the schools. He was united in marriage on May 12, 1886, to Martha E. Preston, who was born in this county. After their marriage they



settled in Adams township and Mr. Buck commenced farming operations on his own account. In addition to his work on the farm he is also largely engaged in the raising of live stock of all kinds and in this line he has been equally successful. They are the parents of four children as follow: Francis M., at home; Estelle, also at home; Claud R., a graduate of the Rosewood high school, a farmer, who married May Newman, and Mayme L., a student in high school.

Mr. Buck supports the Democratic party, but has never been a seeker after public office. He is a member of the Crayon Lodge No. 297, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and takes a keen interest in all the affairs of that popular organization.

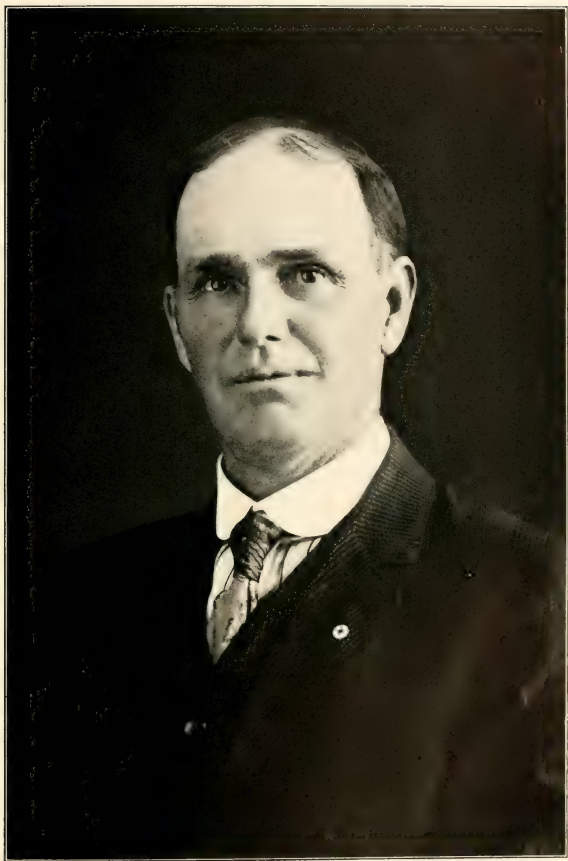
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#### MORRIS LEFFEL.

Morris Leffel, former clerk of Jackson township, county commissioner-elect and a well-known and substantial farmer of the Christiansburg neighborhood, was born in the village of Christiansburg on November 21, 1869, son of Martin S. and Catherine (Huffman) Leffel, also natives of Ohio, and both of whom are now deceased. Martin S. Leffel was born on a pioneer farm in the vicinity of the village of Enon, in Clark county, March 18, 1824, son of James Leffel and wife, the latter of whom was a Miller, earnest pioneers of that section, and was reared on a farm south of Springfield. On May 4, 1852, he married Catherine Huffman, also a member of a pioneer family, and, after his marriage, settled on a farm in the Leffel section over in Miami county; after a while he moved thence to Christiansburg, and alternated his residence between the farm and Christiansburg until his death, becoming one of the well-to-do citizens of that community. Martin S. Leffel died in Christiansburg on April 4, 1899, and his widow survived for nearly eighteen years, her death occurring there on February 22, 1917. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Calvin S., a merchant at Christiansburg; Emma, wife of G. W. Sheppard; Howard D., a Miami county farmer; Willis D., a clerk in a store at Dayton, and Mavilla, wife of G. W. Deaton, of Christiansburg.

Reared at Christiansburg and on the home farm over in Miami county, Morris Leffel received his schooling in the Hill Grove district school, the Christiansburg schools, the Urbana high school and the State Normal at





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Ada. For two or three years after completing his schooling he was engaged as a clerk in stores at Christiansburg and at Springfield and then, in 1892, took charge of his mother's farms and has since been actively and profitably engaged in farming. Mr. Leffel is a Republican and has for years taken an active interest in local political affairs, having been for some time a member of the Republican county central committee and a member of the executive committee of the same. For some time he served as clerk of Jackson township and in November, 1916, was elected county commissioner from his district, his term of service to begin in September, 1917.

Mr. Leffel has been twice married. On February 8, 1900, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Gillespie, who died on March 7, 1906, without issue, and on February 8, 1909, he married Mrs. Savannah Deaton, who had, by her previous marriage, one child, a daughter, Gladys, now the wife of James M. Drake, of Springfield, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Leffel are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Leffel is a trustee of the same. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 226 at Christiansburg, of the chapter at St. Paris, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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### HERMAN C. MAURICE.

Herman C. Maurice, a farmer of Adams township, Champaign county, was born on the adjoining farm, May 19, 1886. He is a son of Joseph and Isabelle (Neese) Maurice. The father was born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1846. He is a son of Isaac and Caroline (Davis) Maurice. Isaac Maurice was born in England, but was of Dutch descent, his ancestors coming to England from Holland. He married his first wife in England, a Miss Wike, and with their three children they started for America, one of the children dying on the ocean, and the two that survived are now deceased. Joseph Maurice was reared on a farm in Clark county, Ohio, and attended the common schools. He was married in that county, after which he spent a number of years on a farm there, then came to Champaign county and bought forty acres in Adams township. Later he purchased the adjoining farm and there he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of twelve children, one of whom died in infancy, the others are living in 1917, namely: Wesley A. is the eldest; Della is the wife of Stephen D. Bowers; George A. lives in Shelby county, Ohio; Clinton A. lives in Rosewood, this state; Valley is the wife of Dr. David Connor, of Markleville, Indiana; Emma

is the widow of George Licklider; Ellen is the wife of A. C. Stephenson; Herman C., of this sketch; Samuel J. is farming in Adams township; Elizabeth is the wife of Homer B. Guey of Adams township; Emerson E. is farming in Adams township, Champaign county.

Herman C. Maurice was reared on the home farm, and he received his education in the district schools. On December 21, 1910, he married Thora Lemmon, who was born in Adams township, Champaign county, in 1890, and she was educated in the common schools. To their union two children were born, namely: Christena F., whose birth occurred on March 4, 1912; and Hazel M., born May 13, 1916.

Politically, Mr. Maurice is a Democrat. Fraternally, he belongs to Rosewood Lodge No. 250, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand. He and his wife are both members of the Rebekahs. He belongs to the Carysville Christian church. Mrs. Maurice is a member of the United Brethren church at Rosewood, Ohio.

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### HARRY G. BUTCHER, D. D. S.

Dr. Harry G. Butcher, of Urbana, one of the best-known and most successful dentists in this part of Ohio, was born in that city and has lived there all his life, with the exception of the period spent in college and for a couple of years during the early period of his professional career, when he had his dental office at Bellefontaine, in the neighboring county of Logan. He was born on January 1, 1876, second in order of birth of the three sons born to Dr. John Calvert and Veturia A. (Pratt) Butcher, both of whom died in Urbana.

The late Dr. John Calvert Butcher, for many years one of Urbana's most useful medical practitioners and most highly esteemed citizens, also was a native son of Ohio and all his life was spent in this state. He was born in Belmont county on April 4, 1846, son of Dr. J. M. and Nancy Jane (Brock) Butcher, the former of whom later became a practitioner in Champaign county and here spent his last days, for many years one of the most honored and influential residents of the county. Dr. J. M. Butcher was a Virginian, born on September 23, 1816, and in early life learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed for some time; finally abandoning the same to devote his energies and abilities to the practice of medicine, for which he thoroughly prepared himself. He became one

of the pioneer physicians of Ohio, beginning his practice in Belmont county and presently moving thence to this county and opening an office for the practice of his profession at North Lewisburg, where he was actively engaged in practice for many years, traveling a wide radius of country in his professional work and endearing himself to the community by his unvarying kindness and sterling rectitude of character. He was one of the first representatives of the Eclectic school of practice, was a close student and was eminently successful in his professional work. It has been written of the elder Doctor Butcher that, "a man of strong convictions and noble attributes, it was but natural that he should abhor the odious institution of human slavery, and in the crucial period culminating in the War of the Rebellion he was known as an uncompromising and fearless Abolitionist. Because of his unwavering position and opposition to slavery he met with no little persecution, but his courage never faltered, though he was compelled to go armed on many of his professional trips in order to protect his life. He tendered his services to the Union when the war finally began, acting as surgeon on an Ohio regiment and doing all in his power to further the cause in whose justice he so firmly believed. He was summoned into eternal rest on January 6, 1891, honored by all who knew him, and he will long be remembered as a man who was signally true and faithful in all the relations of life."

Having been but a child when his parents located at North Lewisburg, John C. Butcher received his early schooling in the schools of that village and supplemented the same by a course in Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. For some time thereafter he was engaged in mercantile business at North Lewisburg, dealing in dry goods, but presently disposed of his interests in that line and began devoting his attention to the study of medicine, to which he had been strongly inclined from the days of his youth, and under the able preceptorship of his father was prepared for entrance at the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated in 1871. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Butcher joined his father in practice at North Lewisburg and was thus engaged for two years, at the end of which time, in 1873, he located at Urbana and was thereafter engaged in practice in that city the rest of his life, his death occurring there on June 6, 1902. Dr. John C. Butcher was a skilled physician and surgeon and was honored as one of the leading medical practitioners of the county. He was for years prominent in the councils of the school of practice, which he professed and for one term served

as president of the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Society, to which office he was elected by a unanimous vote, and he also served for two terms as vice-president of the National Eclectic Medical Association, in the deliberations of which body he ever took an active interest. The doctor was a member of all Masonic bodies, including Knights Templar, and for many years was regarded as one of the leaders in Masonic circles in Champaign county. In 1873, the year in which he took up his residence in Urbana, Dr. John C. Butcher was united in marriage to Veturia A. Pratt, who died, October 31, 1913, and to that union three sons were born, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Frank E. Butcher and Cleland P. Butcher.

Harry G. Butcher was reared in Urbana and was graduated from the high school there in 1894. For four years thereafter he was engaged as a traveling representative of the Otway-Cooper Hardware Company of Urbana and then entered the dental department of the University of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1900, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Thus admirably qualified for the practice of the profession to which he has devoted his life, Doctor Butcher opened an office at Bellefontaine, but after his father's death, two years later, returned to his home at Urbana, opened an office there and has ever since been engaged in practice in that city, long having been recognized as one of the leading dental surgeons in this part of the state. Doctor Butcher keeps fully abreast of the wonderful advances being made in dental surgery and his office is admirably equipped. The Doctor is the present vice-president of the Mad River Dental Association, in the affairs of which body he long has taken an active and influential interest. Politically, he is a Republican and has rendered public service as a member of the Urbana board of public service.

On September 18, 1902, Dr. Harry G. Butcher was united in marriage to Grace Irene Hale, daughter of Dr. D. B. and Marietta Hale, of West Liberty, this state, and to this union three children have been born, Richard Hale, Harry G., Jr., and Janis Irene. Doctor and Mrs. Butcher are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and the Doctor is a member of the official board of the same. He is a York Rite Mason, past master of Harmony Lodge No. 8, Free and Accepted Masons, at Urbana, a member of Draper Commandery, Knights Templar, at that place, and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Antioch Temple at Dayton, and is also a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His college fraternity is Xi Xi Phi, in the affairs of which he still retains the warmest interest.



## JOSEPH T. HALTERMAN.

Joseph T. Halterman, proprietor of the farm home known as "Walnut Grove Farm," situated on rural route No. 1 out of Rosewood, this county, where he has a well-kept farm of one hundred and twelve acres of choice land, lying seven miles north of St. Paris, was born in Adams township, Champaign county, on January 3, 1867. He is the son of Isaac and Sarah (Hall) Halterman, the former of whom was born one mile east of Rosewood and the latter about three-quarters of a mile east of the same place.

Isaac Halterman and his wife were reared in the same neighborhood and attended the same schools in the district of their homes. Some time after they had been married they settled on a farm east of Rosewood. He operated his farm here and was engaged in the cultivation of general crops, his industry and energy being rewarded by a full measure of success, and on that farm they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Halterman were earnest members of the Christian church and were ever active in behalf of its welfare, in which he was one of the deacons for several years. He was a member of Rosewood Lodge No. 253, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a past noble grand of that order, ever active in its interests. He was a lifelong supporter of the Democratic party and served as township trustee for some years. Isaac Halterman and his wife were the parents of ten children, nine of whom are living in 1917, namely: Emily, wife of Thomas H. Pine; Clarissa, who married Joseph Pine; G. R., a resident of the state of Arkansas; Margaret, wife of Albert Stephenson; Jane, who married Charles Lemmon, of Adams township; Dora, wife of Irwin Neese; J. T., the subject of this sketch; Pearl, wife of John A. Long, and Charles, of Adams township. Clyde Halterman, the tenth child, was killed by a falling tree, February 14, 1914.

J. T. Halterman was reared on the old home farm, east of Rosewood. He attended the district schools at Rosewood and on the completion of his school course he worked on his father's farm, remaining thus occupied until he was twenty-one years old. He then started on his own account working on neighboring farms by the month. On October 5, 1893, he was united in marriage to Emma Long, who was born in Concord township, Champaign county, the daughter of T. R. Long, and was educated in the district schools. After his marriage Mr. Halterman operated the old farm for some time and then spent one year on the Long farm, coming to his present place in Adams township in April, 1905. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Halterman no

children have been born, but they adopted and reared a boy, Fred Atzel, whose name is now Fred Halterman. He is a graduate of the Rosewood high school and is now attending a business college at Urbana, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Halterman are members of the United Brethren church at Rosewood and earnest supporters of all its good works; Mr. Halterman is a member of its official board. He is a member of the Rosewood Lodge No. 253, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past noble grand; he is a member of the encampment, of which he is past chief patriarch. He and his wife are members of the Rebekah lodge, of which she is a past grand. Mr. Halterman is a warm supporter of the Democratic party and served as township trustee for many years, giving those who elected him to that important position general satisfaction.

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#### H. M. STIPP.

H. M. Stipp, farmer of Goshen township, Champaign county, was born in Pleasant township, Clark county, Ohio, May 31, 1859. He is a son of Abraham and Catherine (Ropp) Stepp. He was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, June 16, 1818, and she was born in Clark county, Ohio, February 28, 1828. Abraham Stipp's parents died when he was a boy and he came to Clark county, Ohio, with his uncle, Nathan Martin, and there he grew to manhood and attended school. He remained with his uncle until he was grown, then began working out by the month. He first married a Miss Arbigast, who died without issue, the year following their marriage. He subsequently married Catherine Stepp, and they established their home on a farm in Clark county, where they spent the rest of their lives. They were members of the Methodist church, and he was a Republican. They were parents of three children, namely: Martin L. is farming and lives near Catawba, Clark county, Ohio; Elizabeth, who married T. W. Davidson, died in 1892; and H. M., of this sketch.

H. M. Stipp was reared on the home farm in Clark county, and he attended the district schools in winter, working on the farm in the summer time. He remained at home until he was married on December 23, 1886, to Belle Hardman, who was born in Clark county in 1868. After their marriage they continued to live on his father's farm for five years, then he rented a farm from his uncle for two years and then rented a farm in another part of the county for three years. He then moved with his family

to Champaign county, locating on a farm in Goshen township, renting one year, then buying one hundred and thirteen and one-half acres, and here he has since been successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Prospering through his industry and good management he has added to his original holdings until he now has a finely improved farm of two hundred and sixty-six acres. He has made most of the improvements himself. In connection with general farming he has always carried on stock-raising, paying particular attention to sheep. No small portion of his annual income has been derived from the judicious handling of live stock. He is a stockholder in the Merchants and Mechanics Bank at Springfield, Ohio.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stipp one daughter has been born, Essie C., whose birth occurred in 1892; she was graduated from the common schools, and is now the wife of Rolla Ropp. They live on her father's farm, which Mr. Ropp helps cultivate. They have two sons, namely: Horace E., born in 1915; and Carroll M., born in 1917. Politically, Mr. Stipp is a Republican.

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#### CHARLES W. BUMGARDNER.

Charles W. Bumgardner, a farmer of Goshen township, Champaign county, was born in Pleasant township, Clark county, Ohio, November 18, 1861. He is a son of Milton and Martha E. (Ropp) Bumgardner, both natives of the same vicinity in which the subject of this sketch was born, and there they grew to maturity and married. The Ropps were among the early settlers of Clark county and the name has been well known there from that day to this. After his marriage Milton Bumgardner began house-keeping in his native locality, but a few years later he moved to Champaign county and bought the farm in Goshen township where his son, Charles W., now lives and here he spent the rest of his life, meeting death accidentally by a traction engine. His wife died in Logan county, Ohio. To these parents four children were born, one dying in early life, the three living are, Ella B., who is the widow of D. C. Collins; Charles W., of this sketch; and A. C., who resides in Logan county, Ohio.

Charles W. Bumgardner was reared on the farm which he now owns. He attended district school No. 4, in Goshen township. He continued working for his father during crop seasons until he was twenty-one years old. He worked by the month to get money with which to buy a horse, and from a modest beginning he has persevered until he has become very com-

fortably established, now owning an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres, which he has brought up to a high state of cultivation. He has first-class improvements, and in connection with general farming he raises a good grade of live stock.

Mr. Bumgardner was married to Ida M. Davisson, December 24, 1885. She is a native of Clark county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. They have three children living in 1917, namely: Minor J. is farming in Goshen township, this county; Willard makes his home in Pleasant township, Clark county; Evaline M. lives at home.

Politically, Mr. Bumgardner is a Republican and is active in local politics. He is at present township trustee and also superintendent of the gravel roads of Goshen township. Fraternally, he belongs to Catawba Lodge No. 349, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand. Both his sons have been through the chairs of this lodge. He is also a member of Homer Lodge No. 474, Knights of Pythias. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church at Catawba, Ohio, and he is a trustee of the same and both are active in church work.

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### FRANK LEE STUART.

Tilling the soil has been both pleasant and profitable to Frank Lee Stuart, of Salem township, Champaign county, and he never permitted the allurements of metropolitan life to claim him. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, November 5, 1877. He is a son of Nicholas Stuart, also a native of Logan county, where he grew up and married Carrie Lee, of Salem township, Champaign county, Ohio. She is a daughter of John and Emily Lee, early settlers of Champaign county, where they lived and died, on a farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Lee four children were born, namely: Mollie, Henry, Carrie and William. To William Stuart, paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, these children were born, Susan, Elizabeth, Sallie, Adam and Nicholas. Nicholas Stuart devoted his life to farming in Logan county, this state. Retiring from active work in his old age, he moved to West Liberty, where his death occurred at the age of seventy-one years. His wife died at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a Democrat and he served as trustee of his township and took an interest in public affairs in general. His family consisted of three children, namely: Ida married Marion Green and they live in West Liberty, Ohio; Frank L., of this sketch,



FRANK L. STUART AND FAMILY





and Irwin, a painter and carpenter by trade, who lives on a farm near West Liberty.

Frank L. Stuart grew to manhood on the home farm in Logan county where he assisted with the general work when a boy. He received his education in the common schools, and remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years old. He was married on November 7, 1897, to Dora Edna Johnston, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts. She was the adopted daughter of Thomas Johnston and wife. Her parents died when she was small. She and her brother, Charles Edward, were adopted by Thomas Johnston, of Logan county, Ohio. She was educated in the public schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Stuart five children have been born, namely: Sarah, Nellie, Earl, Albert and Carroll.

After his marriage Frank L. Stuart located on the farm once owned by his grandfather Lee, in Salem township, Champaign county. The place consists of one hundred and thirty-six acres, and here he has since resided, keeping the land under a fine state of cultivation and well improved and he has been successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has an attractive and well furnished home.

Politically, he is a Democrat, but has never aspired to public office. He and his wife belong to the church at Mount Tabor.

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### JAMES K. CHEETHAM.

James K. Cheetham, the well-known baker and confectioner, of Urbana, president of the Urbana Tool and Die Company and an honored veteran of the Civil War, past commander of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, is a native of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at West Liberty on March 5, 1845, a son of Richard H. and Mary H. (McCord) Cheetham, he a native of Pennsylvania, and she born in Urbana, Ohio, on the lot where the Episcopal church now stands, whose last days were spent in Urbana, where for years the former was engaged in business.

Richard H. Cheetham was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1817, of Scottish descent, and there learned the baker's trade, when he was twenty years of age he came to Ohio and located at Urbana, where he began working at his trade and where he presently married Mary H. McCord.

daughter of John McCord and wife, of Pittsburgh, the former of whom was a soldier in the War of 1812 and the latter of whom was a daughter of Simon Kenton, the famous old Virginia pioneer and Indian fighter, whose last days were spent in Urbana, where he was buried. Simon Kenton, born in 1755, served as a scout in the Colonial army until 1778 and from 1793 to 1794 commanded a Kentucky battalion. He also was a soldier of the War of 1812 and was engaged in the battle of the Thames in 1813. He died at Zanesfield, Logan county, Ohio, in 1836. Not long after his marriage Richard H. Cheetham moved to West Liberty and was there engaged in the mercantile business from 1844 to 1863, a period of nineteen years, at the end of which time he returned to Urbana and bought the bakery in which he had begun to work upon his arrival there as a young man years before and which had been established in 1838 by Samuel McCord, his brother-in-law. That business was founded in the same building which it now occupies and which is now owned by the nephew of the founder, the building ever having been used as a bake shop, first by the McCords and then by the Cheethams, father and son, and has thus ever been in the family. From the time he bought that bake shop until his death in 1882 Richard H. Cheetham continued to operate the same and he spent his last days in Urbana. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, John A., James K., Samuel O., Mrs. Robert Young, Richard H., George H., and Mary Catherine.

James K. Cheetham's boyhood was spent in West Liberty, the place of his birth, where he received his schooling. He was but sixteen years of age when the Civil War broke out and in 1862 he became a member of the local company of home guards, the famous "Squirrel Hunters," and in 1864 enlisted for the hundred-day service as a member of Company A, One Hundred and thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for four months and during which service he took part in the siege of Petersburg. It was in Urbana that Mr. Cheetham enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio, for he had moved to that city with his parents in 1863. Upon the completion of his military service he resumed his place in his father's business establishment and became thoroughly familiar with the details of the bakery and confectionery business, the concern doing both a wholesale and retail business, and following his father's death, in 1882, he took over the business with his brother and sister under the name of R. H. Cheetham & Sons, and nine years later James K. bought out the others and has ever since been conducting the same. In August, 1912, Mr. Cheetham became con-

nected with the Urbana Tool and Die Company, manufacturers of tools, jigs, dies and automobile parts, and on January 19, 1913, became president and sole owner of the concern, which he still owns. Mr. Cheetham is a Republican, and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office. He is an active member of W. A. Brand Post No. 98, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has held all offices save that of chaplain, and has been commander of the same three times.

In 1868, about five years after taking up his residence in Urbana, James K. Cheetham was united in marriage to Laura J. Coulson, daughter of Joseph C. Coulson and wife, and to this union two children have been born, Ada L., who married C. F. Downey and has had two children, Coulson and Charles C., and Joseph Kenton Cheetham, who is unmarried.

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### LOUIS C. HOVEY.

Louis C. Hovey, clerk of Champaign county, and one of the most popular officials in the court house, is a native son of Urbana and has lived in that city all his life. He was born on November 22, 1875, son of David H. and Lillian (Cox) Hovey, both of whom also were born in this county and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Bellefontaine, where she is making her home with her daughter.

David H. Hovey, who for years was one of Urbana's best-known citizens, was a son of Edwin E. Hovey, a pioneer of Champaign county, who established the first brickyard in the county and was one of the prominent factors in the development of Urbana in an early day. David H. Hovey grew up at Urbana, and was for some time engaged there in the service of the United States Express Company. When the Wells-Fargo Express Company established an office at Urbana he was made the local agent for the company and served in that capacity until his death in 1889. He also for some time was engaged in the retail meat business, and was widely known throughout the county. He and his wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Florence Thompson, of Bellefontaine.

Upon completing the course in the public schools of Urbana, Louis C. Hovey became engaged with a wholesale grocery establishment in that city and later for five years was engaged as a traveling salesman in the

grocery line. He then became engaged as an advertising man in the office of the *Urbana Daily Citizen* and was thus engaged at the time of his election to the office of county clerk in the fall of 1912. Mr. Hovey entered upon the duties of that office on the first Monday in August, 1913, and in the election of 1914 was re-elected to that important office and is now serving his second term as county clerk. Mr. Hovey is a Republican and for years has taken an earnest part in local politics, long having been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county. During the sessions of the Ohio General Assembly in 1910-11 he served as sergeant-at-arms of the Senate and thus formed a wide political acquaintance throughout the state.

In 1898 Louis C. Hovey was united in marriage to Nellie Kunkel, of Urbana. Mr. and Mrs. Hovey have a very pleasant home and take an earnest interest in the general social activities of their home town. They are members of the Presbyterian church and take a warm interest in church affairs. Mr. Hovey is a member of class No. 8, of the Sunday school of the Baptist church, and for ten years has been one of the trustees of the same. He is a Royal Arch and Knight Templar Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge, the chapter and the commandery at Urbana; is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias, of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan and in these latter orders has held all the high offices. Mr. Hovey also is an active member of the United Commercial Travelers Association and has represented the local branch of that association at state meetings of the same.

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### JOHN HORACE MUZZY.

John Horace Muzzy, one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial retired farmers and the proprietor of a fine farm in Urbana township, who for some time past has made his home in Urbana, where he and his wife are very pleasantly situated, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born in Salem township on October 13, 1856, son of J. C. and Martha (Wren) Muzzy, prominent residents of that part of the county, both now deceased.

J. C. Muzzy, for years one of the most prominent farmers and stockmen in Champaign county, also was a native of this county, born on the old Vance farm in Urbana township on April 27, 1831, son of Horace and

Bridget (Vance) Muzzy, the former of whom, the first of that name to settle in this county, came here in pioneer times and settled on a farm east of Urbana, where he became a substantial farmer and where he and his wife spent their last days, useful and influential residents of that section. J. C. Muzzy, eldest son of his parents, grew to manhood on that pioneer farm and in turn became a farmer on his own account and became quite well-to-do, a large landowner and an extensive dealer in live stock. He also built a livery stable in Urbana and was there for years connected with the Taylor & Fisher Company. He was an active Republican and for years was regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county. On March 5, 1855, J. C. Muzzy married Martha Jane Wren, also a member of one of the old families of this county, and to that union six children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Joseph Vance Muzzy, a well-known farmer and stockman, of West Liberty, this county; Ella, wife of William H. Craig; Elizabeth, wife of S. M. Craig, of West Liberty; William W. Muzzy, who married Addie Wilcox and is now engaged in the automobile business at Columbus, and Minnie Alice, who died on March 29, 1880, at the age of sixteen years. J. C. Muzzy died on January 30, 1916, he then being eighty-four years, nine months and three days of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave about seven years, her death having occurred on March 10, 1909. She was an active member of the Baptist church and was ever attentive to the good works of the community.

John H. Muzzy was reared on the home farm in Salem township and received the benefit of the public schools. From boyhood he was an able assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home farm and in looking after the extensive live stock interests developed on that farm, and remained at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-four years, when he farmed in Harrison township five years, after which he established a home of his own on a farm in Urbana township and remained there, actively and successfully engaged in general farming, stock raising and dairying, until his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removal to Urbana, where he and his wife are now living and where they are very pleasantly situated. Mr. Muzzy is a Republican and has ever taken an earnest interest in local civic affairs, but has not been an aspirant for public office. For eight years he was a member of the Champaign County Fair Association and in that capacity and in many other ways has done much to advance the cause of agriculture and stock raising hereabout.



It was on December 16, 1880, that John H. Muzzy was united in marriage to Sarah Alice Powell, who was born in Concord township, this county, daughter of James Dunlap and Minerva (Hill) Powell, also natives of this county, members of pioneer families in the central part of the county. James Dunlap Powell was born on a pioneer farm in Urbana township on March 3, 1819, son of Elijah and Mary (Dunlap) Powell, the former of whom was born in the state of Virginia in August, 1789, the fifth in order of birth of the eleven children of Abraham P. and Ann (Smith) Powell, both natives of the Old Dominion, the former born on October 20, 1754, and the latter, September 12, 1762, who were married in 1780. Abraham P. Powell was a soldier in the patriot army during the War of the Revolution and during the close of the eighteenth century moved with his family to Kentucky, being thus among the very first settlers of that then western county of Virginia; remaining there until 1812, when he came up into Ohio with his family and settled in this county, entering a tract of land from the government in Urbana township, one mile west of the present city of Urbana, where he established his home, one of the very earliest settlers in the county, and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring on January 3, 1817, he then being sixty-two years of age, and hers, September 19, 1845, she then being eighty-three years of age.

Elijah Powell had attained his majority when he came to this county with his parents in 1812 and he became an active participant in the pioneer life of the new community and on January 27, 1818, married Mary Dunlap, who was born in Kentucky, October 26, 1800, and who was but twelve years of age when she came to this county with her parents, the Rev. James and Emilia (Johnson) Dunlap, natives of Virginia, the former born on July 10, 1773, and the latter, October 15, 1777, and both of whom had located in Kentucky during the days of their youth, having moved to that then frontier with their respective parents, and were there married on August 29, 1794. The Rev. James Dunlap early turned his attention to the gospel ministry and had been preaching in Kentucky for some years before coming up into Ohio with his family and settling in this county, in 1812. He was one of the pioneer preachers in this part of the state and remained here until 1844, in which year he moved to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1866. His widow survived until July 30, 1881. To Elijah and Mary (Dunlap) Powell eleven children were born and the family thus has a wide connection in this part of the state.



James Dunlap Powell was reared on the old home farm in Urbana township and received his schooling in the primitive school which served that community in the days of his boyhood, the school house being a log structure with puncheon floor and rough slabs for benches. He also taught school and became a very able instructor. He became a farmer on his own account and in September, 1845, married Minerva Hill, who was born in Concord township, this county, August 26, 1822, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Percell) Hill, both natives of Virginia and pioneers of this county. Joseph Hill, who was the first white settler in Concord township, this county, came up here with his family from Kentucky, in which latter state, then a county of Virginia, he had settled when a young man. There he married Mary Oliver, by which union he had eight children, and later came to Ohio and settled in this county, being the first permanent settler in Concord township; as noted above, entering the tract of land that later became the farm of James D. Powell. There his first wife died and he then married Mary Percell, a member of one of Champaign county's first families, and to that union five children were born, of whom Mrs. Powell was the third in order of birth. Joseph Hill was a soldier of the War of 1812, and he and his family were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, ever active in local good works and influential in promoting orderly social processes in the days of a beginning of a social order hereabout. He was a good farmer and a man of excellent judgment in business affairs and at the time of his death in September, 1861, was the owner of a considerable tract of land in this county. His widow survived him for about eight years, her death occurring on July 3, 1869. After his marriage James D. Powell established his home on the old Hill farm in Concord township and early became recognized as one of the best farmers and most influential citizens of that neighborhood. He became the owner of more than eight hundred acres of fine land and erected one of the finest houses in the county. He was an ardent Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local political affairs. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for many years were accounted as among the leaders in the good works of their neighborhood. Mrs. Powell died on February 9, 1902, after a married life of more than fifty years, and Mr. Powell survived until January 30, 1909. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Muzzy was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Mary, Amanda J., Emma E., Elijah H., and Anna M.

To John H. and Sarah A. (Powell) Muzzy two daughters have been born, Ethel, who married A. W. Crowl, now living on the old Powell

homestead, and has two children, John M., and Robert A., and Martha, wife of Robert Feather, a druggist, of Bellefontaine, in the neighboring county of Logan. Mr. and Mrs. Muzzy are members of the Presbyterian church and take an earnest part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community, helpful in promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the common welfare.

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### HARRY METZ.

Harry Metz, a well-known farmer and blacksmith, of Salem township, was born in Union township, in the neighboring county of Logan, August 10, 1869, son of Samuel and Eliza (Heading) Metz, who were born and reared in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they were married and whence, in 1867, they came to Ohio and settled in Wayne county. A year later they moved to Logan county, where they made their home until 1876, when they came down into Champaign county and settled on the farm in Salem township on which their son, the subject of this sketch, is now living. After renting there awhile, Samuel Metz bought one hundred and eighty-four acres and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on November 1, 1915, he then being seventy-five years of age. In 1894 he also bought one hundred and five acres adjoining his home farm. He was twice married, his first wife, Eliza Heading, having died in 1883, at the age of forty-two; after which he married Addie Wise, also a native of Pennsylvania, who died on July 4, 1895. Samuel and Eliza (Heading) Metz were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Alice, wife of James Robinson, of Salem township; William, deceased; Andrew Jackson, a farmer, of Salem township; Lewis W., a coal dealer at West Liberty; Ida, who died in her girlhood, and Milroy, a farmer, of Salem township.

Harry Metz was about seven years of age when his parents moved from Logan county down into this county and he was reared on the home farm in Salem township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age. After his marriage, in the fall of 1892, he located on the old Peppermill place and presently moved from there to a place north of Mingo, later moving back to the Peppermill place, where he remained until 1895, when his father bought the subject's present place of one hundred and five acres, the William

Williams place, where his parents first settled upon coming to this county, and there Harry Metz has ever since made his home, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Metz has a blacksmith shop on his place and for the past ten years has operated the same, in addition to carrying on his general farming operations. Politically, he is "independent" and for some time served as a school director.

On October 15, 1892, Harry Metz was united in marriage to Minnie May Stokes, who was born in Monroe township, Logan county, this state, daughter of Elba and Nannie (Williams) Stokes, natives of Virginia, the former of whom had come to this state with his parents in the days of his boyhood, the family settling in this county, and the latter of whom came to Ohio with her parents in the days of her girlhood, her family settling in Logan county. In 1870 Elba Stokes and Nannie Williams were married and after making their home in Logan county for two or three years bought a farm on the county line between that county and Champaign county, later retiring from the farm and moving to Kennard, where Mrs. Stokes died in March, 1902. Mr. Stokes later returned to his farm, but presently sold the same and moved to Urbana, where he has since made his home. He and his wife had two children, Mrs. Metz having a brother, Hiram Stokes, who married Margaret Linbille, and is now living in central California, where he is engaged as a telegraph operator in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad. Mrs. Stokes was reared as a Baptist, but later became a member of the Friends Meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Metz are members of Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper part in church work. They are the parents of three children, Goldie M., William E. and Truman C.

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#### MCCLELLAN FRANK.

McClellan Frank, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Johnson township, this county, was born in the neighboring township of Jackson, April 1, 1862, and has lived in this county all his life. He is a Democrat and was elected justice of the peace in and for his home township, but declined to qualify for the office. He has held other township offices, however. Fraternally, he is a member of and past chancellor of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at St. Paris and both he and his wife are members of the lodge of the Pythian Sisters at that place. He

and his wife are the owners of about seven hundred acres of land in this county and have a fine residence in Millerstown.

On May 26, 1896, McClellan Frank was united in marriage to Maud Norman, who was born in Johnson township, this county, May 17, 1873, daughter of John C. and Mary A. (Pence) Norman, prominent and substantial residents of that township, both of whom are now deceased. John C. Norman was born in Concord township, this county, January 22, 1843, a son of Gabriel and Rebecca (Burbaker) Norman, well-to-do farming people of that township, the former of whom also was born in that township, a son of Christian and Mary (Zimmerman) Norman, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Maryland, who were married in Virginia and in 1805 came over into Ohio and became pioneers of Concord township, this county, Christian Norman buying a quarter of a section of land there and on that place establishing his home, one of the earliest settlers in that part of the county. Upon settling there he put up a log cabin, which in due time gave way to a substantial brick house, and he became one of the substantial farmers of his neighborhood, coming to be the owner of twelve hundred and forty acres of land, four hundred and forty acres of which was situated in Indiana. Before his death he deeded seven hundred and twenty acres to his children. Before coming to Ohio he had been a wagonmaker and followed that vocation soon after coming here, his establishment proving a great convenience for his pioneer neighbors. During the War of 1812 he was drafted for service, but sent a substitute in his stead. He and his wife were the parents of nine children. The Normans are an old family in America, the first of this line of the name in this country having been John G. Norman, who landed on the shores of the new land on August 21, 1750. Gabriel Norman, one of the sons of Christian Norman married Rebecca Brubaker and had six children, three sons and three daughters. One of these sons, John C. Norman, mentioned above, was reared in Concord township, received his schooling in the local schools and later became a school teacher, teaching for some years in Concord and Johnson townships. He married Mary A. Pence, also a member of one of Champaign county's old families, settled on a farm in Johnson township and became a well-to-do farmer and a man of influence in his community. His wife died on February 26, 1909, and he survived until July 24, 1914. They were the parents of two children, of whom Mrs. Frank is the only survivor, she having had an infant brother, Charles, born on June 28, 1876, who died in the following November.

Maud Norman was reared at Millerstown, receiving her schooling in

the local schools, and was living there at the time of her marriage to McClellan Frank. They have one son, Dr. John W. Norman, born on July 8, 1890, who supplemented the schooling received in the common schools by a course in Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, later entering Ohio Medical College, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in the spring of 1917. He will open an office at St. Paris, Ohio. He was married on July 16, 1917, by Rev. Clifford Myers, to Myrtle Marie Harmon, born in St. Paris, Ohio. She is a daughter of Albert G. Harmon. She is a graduate of Cincinnati (Ohio) College of Music and an accomplished musician. John W. Norman is a member of the Knights of Pythias at St. Paris, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Frank have a very pleasant home at Millerstown and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community, helpful in many ways in promoting movements looking to the advancement of the common welfare thereabout.

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#### M. L. SMITH, M. D.

One of the well-known general physicians of Champaign county is Dr. M. L. Smith, of Urbana, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, December 3, 1862. He is a son of Alonzo C. and Ellen (Wikel) Smith, the father a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the mother of Butler county, Ohio. Alonzo Smith's first trade was that of a buggy maker, which he followed, for the most part, in Cincinnati, and after his marriage he located at Paintersville, Greene county, Ohio, where he followed his trade until 1878, in which year he came to Champaign county, locating on a farm north of Urbana, farming there on rented land until he bought a farm south of Urbana, where he spent the rest of his life, dying April 11, 1899. His widow is still living and makes her home in Urbana. To these parents six children were born, the subject of this sketch being the third in order of birth.

Dr. M. L. Smith received his early education in the public schools of Greene and Champaign counties, later taking a classical course of two years in Urbana University. He then taught school for about ten years in Clark and Champaign counties, also a short time in Kansas. He met with much success as a teacher and his services were in good demand. But he finally decided that his true bent lay in another direction, and, upon abandoning the school room, he took up the study of medicine, entering



the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, with the class of 1891. Soon thereafter he began the practice of his profession at Pickrelltown, Logan county, Ohio, where he remained two years, removing in 1895, to Urbana, Champaign county, where he has since been engaged successfully in the general practice of his profession.

Doctor Smith was married on June 17, 1899, to Carrie James, a daughter of Daniel James. To this union four children have been born, namely: Clarence, Margaret, Lester and Gertrude.

Doctor Smith is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society. Politically, he is a progressive Republican. He belongs to the Masonic lodge, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been a member of the official board of the same for the past fifteen years.

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### JOHN F. BANE.

John F. Bane, proprietor of "Cedarhurst Stock Farm," a well-kept place of one hundred and fifty acres one mile south of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, this county, his place being situated on the London and Mechanicsburg pike, on rural mail route No. 3, out of Mechanicsburg, is a native of Jefferson county, Virginia, but has been a resident of Ohio since he was eighteen years of age. He was born in that part of the Old Dominion now comprised in West Virginia on November 11, 1855, son of Garrett W. and Virginia (Melvin) Bane, who were born in that same region and there spent all their lives. Garrett W. Bane saw service during the Civil War and for damage done his property during the progress of the war was afterward reimbursed by the federal government. He was twice married.

Reared on the home farm, John F. Bane retains distinct childish memories of the progress of armies thereabout during the period of the Civil War. He received his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood and remained at home, helping with the labors of the farm, until he was eighteen years of age, when he struck out for himself and came to Ohio, coming over here without a dollar in his pocket. In 1874 he found employment on a farm in Clark county at a wage of twenty dollars a month and was thus employed until his marriage there in 1879, when he rented a



farm and began farming on his own account. About ten years later he moved to a farm in the neighboring county of Madison and after a residence of nine years in that county came over into Champaign county, in 1899, and bought the farm on which he is now living, the Wren farm, in Goshen township, and has ever since resided there, having things very comfortably settled about him now, a pleasant home and a well-kept farm plant. In addition to his general farming Mr. Bane gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, with particular reference to registered Duroc-Jersey hogs, Rambouillet sheep and Percheron horses, and is doing very well. He has other interests besides those connected with his farm.

In 1879 John F. Bane was united in marriage, in Clark county, to Laura J. Palmer, who was born in the state of Iowa, but who was reared in Clark county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Bane are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Bane is a member of the official board of the same. Politically, he is a Republican, but has never taken a particularly active part in politics. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Mechanicsburg Lodge No. 113, Free and Accepted Masons, at Mechanicsburg, and of the chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Mechanicsburg, and has for years taken an earnest interest in Masonic affairs, having served in different capacities as an office bearer in his local lodge.

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### WILLIAM FRANK TARBUTTON.

One of the thrifty farmers of Goshen township, Champaign county, is William Frank Tarbutton, who was born in Union township, this county, October 26, 1866. He is a son of James H. and Sarah (Given) Tarbutton, both now deceased. The father was born in Clark county, Ohio, and the mother in Salem township, Champaign county. James H. Tarbutton came to this county when young and here learned the blacksmith's trade and married, after which event he located at New Moorefield, Clark county, where he worked at his trade for several years, then located at Catawba Station, that county, where he continued at his trade until his death. He owned a shop and a dwelling in that town. During the Civil War he served for three years in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in a faithful and gallant manner. He was honorably discharged, after which he returned home and resumed his trade. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His family consisted of eleven children, nine of

whom are living in 1917, named as follows: William Frank, of this sketch; John is a supervisor on a railroad; Laura is the wife of George Willitt, of Goshen township; Charles, a railroader, lives at Catawba Station, Clark county; Lewis is also a railroad man; Mary is the widow of Abner Van Skiver, of Goshen township; Nora is single; Harry is a railroader; Willard is also in railroad service.

William F. Tarbutton was reared in Champaign county and he attended the public schools; his education, however, was limited, for he began making his own way in the world when eleven years old, working out by the month for some time. On November 23, 1898, he married Mary Rupert, a native of Illinois. He had saved his earnings and when he married he rented a farm for several years, then bought his present place of eighty-five acres in Goshen township, in 1913, and here he has carried on general farming ever since. He is a breeder of a good grade of live stock of all kinds.

Four children, two of whom died in infancy, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tarbutton. The survivors are, Ralph, whose birth occurred on September 26, 1910; and Philip, born June 3, 1914.

Politically, Mr. Tarbutton is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to Lodge No. 474, Knights of Pythias. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Protestant church at Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

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#### ELMER MORRIS.

Elmer Morris, farmer living in Goshen township, Champaign county, was born in Madison county, Ohio, December 16, 1863. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Everett) Morris. The mother was born near Urbana, Ohio, and her death occurred in 1905. The father, who is now living in retirement, spent his active life on a farm in this county, and made a comfortable living by his industry and perseverance. To James Morris and wife six children were born, four of whom are still living, namely: Elmer, of this sketch; Sherman is living in Mechanicsburg; Allie is the wife of Melvin Allison, a farmer of Goshen township; Minnie is the wife of Marion Arbagast, of Springfield, Ohio.

Elmer Morris was about sixteen years old when he came with the rest of the family from Madison county, Ohio, to Champaign county. He grew up on the farm where he worked during the crop seasons and in the winter time he attended the district schools. However, his education was somewhat

neglected, since he was compelled to work hard when a boy helping to support the family. He remained on the home farm until he was thirty-five years old. In October, 1893, he married Emma Engle, who was born in Union township, Champaign county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school, the date of her birth being July 25, 1871.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morris one child has been born, Ethel Morris, whose birth occurred on April 19, 1898. She was graduated from the local public schools, and she is now attending high school at Mechanicsburg, being a member of the graduating class of 1918.

Mr. Morris has always engaged in farming. He now owns thirty acres of good land on which he is making a comfortable living. Politically, he is a Republican. He has served as a member of the school board in his district. He belongs to Homer Lodge No. 474, Knights of Pythias. His wife is a member of the Pythian Sisters, and has been an officer in the local lodge. She is a member of the Presbyterian church. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### JOSEPH O. PENCE.

Joseph O. Pence, a farmer living in Concord township, Champaign county, was born on a farm near where he now lives on July 12, 1858. He is a son of George and Mary (Barger) Pence. The mother was a native of Virginia. George Pence was born in 1820 in Champaign county, Ohio. After his marriage he lived in Concord township and several years later he went to Indiana and established the future home of the family. His children were named as follows: Catherine is the wife of R. S. Comer; John lives in Chicago; George W., of Concord township; Adam is farming near Woodville, Ohio; Jennie is the widow of James Heath of California; Andrew J. is farming in Johnson township, this county; Joseph O., of this sketch; Emma is the wife of Pete Wilson and they live in Rosewood, Ohio.

Joseph O. Pence was reared on the home farm. He attended the district schools until he was thirteen years old, when he started working out, working in a brickyard for some time. He was employed by James Heath awhile, later returned home and lived with his mother until her death.

Mr. Pence married Sarah Woodard, on October 6, 1885. She was born November 12, 1848. To their union one daughter was born, Bertha F. Pence, whose birth occurred on February 4, 1890, she was graduated

from the high school at Eris, Champaign county, and she is now the wife of Charles Chester and they live in Salem township, this county; they have two children, namely: Wendall V., and Boneta F.

Mr. Pence owns forty-one and one-half acres in Concord township, where he is making a very comfortable living. Politically, he is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the Concord Methodist church.

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### JONATHAN T. HARTZLER.

Jonathan T. Hartzler, one of Champaign county's substantial and progressive farmers and the proprietor of a fine place in Salem township, is a native son of this county, born on a farm in Salem township, and has lived in that neighborhood all his life. He was born on February 10, 1867, son of Joel and Lydia (Plank) Hartzler, natives of Pennsylvania, who grew up and were married in that state and later came to Ohio, locating on a farm in Logan county, where they remained for two years, at the end of which time they came down into Champaign county and settled on a farm on the state road in Salem township, where the remainder of their lives were spent, influential and useful residents of that community.

Upon coming to this county Joel Hartzler bought a farm of eighty acres, on which there was an old log cabin and some tumbledown improvements. He put up a better house and made other improvements to the place and soon had a comfortable home, remaining there, actively engaged in farming the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1902, he then being seventy-seven years of age. His widow survived him for about nine years, her death occurring in 1911, she then being eighty-one years of age. They were earnest members of the Oak Grove Mennonite church and their children were reared in the simple faith of that church. There were seven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: Isaac, now deceased, who was for years engaged in the saw-mill business and who was twice married, his first wife having been Emma Yoder and his second, Ann Slonacer; David K., a farmer and mill man at West Liberty and who has been three times married, his first wife having been Nancy Yoder and his second was Susan Smucker and the third, Lizzie Zook; Rebecca, wife of Levi Yoder, a retired farmer, now living at North Lewisburg, this county; Samuel, now deceased, who married Elizabeth Yoder and lived in the adjoining county of Logan; Benjamin F.,

also now deceased, who married Selina Kauffman and was engaged in farming and milling in this and in Logan counties, and John, now living at West Liberty, who has been twice married, his first wife having been Elizabeth Hirshberger and his second, Sarah Stauffer.

Reared on the home farm, where he was born, in Salem township, Jonathan T. Hartzler received his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant in the labors of improving the home place, being carefully trained as a farmer and mill man, and also early began operating a threshing-machine, in which latter business he continued for thirty years. After his marriage in 1891 he farmed his father's place for four years and then moved to the place on which he now resides in that same township and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Upon taking possession of that place he remodeled the house and barn and made other valuable improvements and now has a very well equipped farm plant there. Besides his home farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres he is the owner of a farm of eighty-eight acres, the old Humphreys place, in Salem township, and has made extensive improvements also to that place, having remodeled the house and put the farm buildings in good shape. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Hartzler has given considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock and has done very well. For years he also operated a saw-mill and during the many years he was operating a threshing-rig throughout Salem and adjoining townships he became one of the best-known men thereabout.

On February 12, 1891, Jonathan T. Hartzler was united in marriage to Martha Hooley, who was born in Logan county, this state, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Yoder) Hooley, who years ago moved down from Logan county into Salem township, this county, and there spent their last days, and to this union eight children have been born, all of whom are living save the first-born, who died in infancy, and Elmer T., the sixth in order of birth, the others being Mary, Emmet J., Boyd C., Fern H., Roy A. and Amelia Blackwood, a little girl who makes her home with the family, all of whom are at home save Mary, who in 1916 married Ira D. Hostetler, who was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, but who had been living in Logan county, this state, since 1890 and since his marriage living on a farm in Salem township, this county. The Hartzlers are members of the Oak Grove Mennonite church and take a proper part in church affairs, as well as in other neighborhood good works and in the general social activities of their home neighborhood. Mr. Hartzler helped to remodel the church not long ago and has ever given considerable attention to church work.

## FRED E. GANNON.

Fred E. Gannon, a well-known grocer of Mechanicsburg, is a native of the state of West Virginia, but has been a resident of Champaign county since the days of his boyhood. He was born on a farm in Hampshire county, West Virginia, August 31, 1872, son of James and Elizabeth (Huffman) Gannon, both natives of that same county and both of whom are now deceased, all their lives having been spent in their native county. James Gannon, who was a shipper of live stock, was an active Republican. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being, John, of Roachdale, this state; Daniel, of Keokuk, Iowa; Laura, wife of John Rogers, and Christopher, a member of the Piedmont Grocery Company of Piedmont, West Virginia.

Reared in his native county in West Virginia, Fred E. Gannon remained there until he was sixteen years of age, when he came to Ohio, and his schooling was completed in Ohio Northern University at Ada, in which institution he took the commercial course. In April, 1890, he went to Mechanicsburg, arriving there with two dollars in his pocket, and for five years thereafter was engaged in the gardens of John F. Mumma. He later worked in the celery gardens of J. B. Mahan and afterward began working in the factory of the Central Ohio Whip Company and was thus engaged for four years, at the end of which time, meanwhile having saved his money, he engaged in the retail oil business at Mechanicsburg and was thus engaged until the spring of 1903, when he engaged in the grocery business at that place and has since been thus engaged, one of the best-known dealers in that line in the eastern part of the county. When Mr. Gannon opened his grocery store he had a stock of the value of about eight hundred dollars, but he has built up his store until he now has a well-stocked and well-established place of business and is doing very well. In addition to his store he owns a pleasant home in Mechanicsburg and he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. Gannon formerly had two hundred acres of land in Oklahoma, but his partner "did" him out of the same.

On May 8, 1892, Fred E. Gannon was united in marriage to Lucy Harr, who was born at Mechanicsburg, Ohio, in 1872, a daughter of Pierce and Laura Harr, and to this union four children have been born, Ruth, who was graduated from the local high school; James, who was graduated



from Bliss Business College at Columbus; Pierce B., who was graduated from the local high school in 1917, and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Gannon are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Gannon is a Republican and is a member from his precinct of the county central committee. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen and in the affairs of all of these organizations takes a warm interest.

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### CLINTON A. HUNTER.

Clinton A. Hunter, a farmer of Goshen township, Champaign county, was born near Catawba, Clark county, Ohio, August 14, 1871. He is a son of Levi and Artemisha (Bushnell) Hunter. The father was born in Clark county, Ohio, and the mother in Adams county, Indiana. His death occurred in 1902, but she is still living at this writing at Mechanicsburg, Ohio. After their marriage they located on a farm in Clark county, this state, but a year later moved to Champaign county, where Levi Hunter rented a farm and followed general agricultural pursuits until his death, also operated a threshing machine many years. He owned one hundred and seventeen acres of good land. He was very successful, accumulating a comfortable competency through his own efforts.

To Levi Hunter and wife ten children were born, namely: Clinton A., of this sketch; Edward C., who is farming in Goshen township; Lulu is the wife of Charles A. Brown, of Plain City, Ohio; Carrie is the wife of Dr. P. D. Longbrake of Marysville, Ohio; Harry, deceased; Bessie and Mary are both single; the rest of the children died in early life.

Clinton A. Hunter was reared on the home farm, and he attended the district schools and the Mechanicsburg high school. He worked on the home farm with his father until he was thirty-two years old. On December 25, 1903, he married Maude Neer, a daughter of Joseph and Dortha Neer. She was born, reared and educated in this county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hunter two children have been born: Dorothy A., born in 1904, she was graduated from the eighth grade of the local public schools; Robert, born in 1903.

Mr. Hunter has devoted his life to general farming near Mechanicsburg, where he has a good home and a well improved farm of thirty-seven acres. He has also followed threshing in Champaign county for the

past thirty years, being one of the best known threshers in the county. He has owned several machines. He is of a mechanical turn of mind and has many varieties of modern machinery commonly found on the best farms.

Politically, Mr. Hunter is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of Homer Lodge No. 474, Knights of Pythias, in which he has held several offices. He is also a member of the Grange. His wife belongs to the Methodist Protestant church at Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

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### FRANK EARL WILSON.

Frank Earl Wilson, farmer of Salem township, Champaign county, was born in Concord township, this county, January 28, 1879, and while yet a young man he has won definite success at his chosen life work. He is a son of Henry Page Wilson and Emma (Couchman) Wilson, who established their home on a farm in Concord township. A history of this family is found on another page of this work.

The subject of this sketch, known to his acquaintances as Earl Wilson, was reared on the home farm in Concord township, and there he received a common school education, then attended high school at Urbana. After leaving school he continued farming on the home place with his father for four years, then began farming for himself on the place where he still lives. He first farmed one hundred and ten acres belonging to his father, which he added to by a purchase later until the farm now contains one hundred and ninety acres. His land is well cultivated and well improved and he is making a success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He feeds most of his grain to live stock, preparing large numbers annually for the markets. He has a silo with a capacity of one hundred and forty tons. He feeds about one hundred head of hogs and forty head of cattle each year.

Mr. Wilson was married in 1900 to Edna Craig, a daughter of E. Clay and Louise Craig, and to their union two children have been born, namely: Elizabeth and Robert, both of whom are attending school in Salem township.

Politically, Mr. Wilson is a Republican. He belongs to the Masonic order, also the Salem Grange. He was a member of the local school board for a period of eight years. He belongs to the Concord Methodist Episcopal church in which he was formerly deacon. He is active in the affairs of the church.

## CORY E. BAILAR.

Cory E. Bailar, a prosperous and progressive farmer and owner of two hundred and twenty-seven acres of prime farming land, now living on the old Bailar farm located four miles west of Rosewood, Adams township, was born on that farm on January 16, 1861. He is the son of George W. and Julia (Licklider) Bailar.

George W. Bailar was the son of Jonathan and Catherine (Pence) Bailar, early settlers of Champaign county. Jonathan Bailar entered about one hundred acres of land and as he succeeded in his farming operations he made further purchases, finally becoming well-to-do. He and his wife spent the remainder of their lives on the farm. George W. Bailar grew up on his father's farm and was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood. After his school days were over he worked on the farm for some years and later he was united in marriage to Julia Licklider. He then settled on the the old Bailar farm and bought out the other heirs, the land ever since having remained in the possession of a member of the family. He carried on general farming with considerable success and he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives on the farm. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are living at the present time, namely: William F., a farmer living in Adams township; George R., of Sidney, Ohio, and Cory E., the subject of this sketch. Two children died in infancy and Charles, who also died after he had grown to maturity.

Cory E. Bailar was reared on his father's farm in Adams township and attended the public schools of the district until he was sixteen years old. He then worked on the home farm until he was twenty-four. On December 24, 1884, he was united in marriage to Jennie Putnam, who is a sister of J. B. Putnam. Mr. and Mrs. Bailar are the parents of three children who are living and one, a girl, who died in young womanhood, as follow: Franklin E., who married Bonnie Espy and lives east of Rosewood; Lola F., born in July, 1888, who married Ray Moore and lives on the old farm; Waldo E., born in 1893, who married Nellie Smith and also lives on the old farm, and Pearl E., who died at the early age of twenty-two. Mrs. Bailar died on August 25, 1902, and was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends throughout the township and county.

Mr. Bailar is engaged in general farming on his holding which consists of two hundred and twenty-seven acres of choice land and has been successful in all his operations. His land is of the best quality and in an excel-

lent state of cultivation, everything about the place showing the result of diligence and energy. He is a member of the Christian church at Carysville, in which he holds the positions of deacon and trustee and he is warmly interested in all church affairs. He is a member of the Rosewood Lodge No. 253, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and takes an active interest in the affairs of that organization. Mr. Bailar is a supporter of the Democratic party and has always given a good citizen's attention to public affairs. He has been a member of the district school board for several terms and at this time is the vice-president of the board. His interest in the cause of education is of long standing and he is an earnest advocate of all proper movements to advance the efficiency of the schools of his township and county.

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### JOHN E. PENCE.

An enterprising and progressive farmer and life-long resident of this county is John E. Pence, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of eighty acres one and one-fourth miles northeast of St. Paris, in Johnson township, on rural route No. 5 out of that village. Mr. Pence was born on this farm on May 6, 1852, the son of Andrew and Eliza (Garringer) Pence, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

Andrew Pence was born on the same farm as his son, John E., on March 22, 1830, and was a son of Jacob and Sarah (Nepperd) Pence. Jacob was a son of Frederick Pence, who came in an early day from Virginia to Ohio, locating in Champaign county, among the first settlers in these parts. Frederick Pence was a gunsmith and wagonmaker by trade, and followed that occupation after coming to Ohio, living here the remainder of his life. Besides John E., there were six other children born to the family of Andrew Pence, being as follow: Samuel, a farmer of Johnson township; Simon, also living in Johnson township; Allen, of Millerstown, Ohio; Mary, the wife of John Norman, of St. Paris; Sarah, the wife of Steven Corwin, of Xenia, Ohio, and Ellen, wife of Clarence Pressler, a farmer of Johnson township.

John E. Pence was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood. He assisted his father with the work on the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he started farming for himself on the home place, and he has been very successful in his chosen calling. Besides general farming

he is engaged in the breeding and raising of registered live stock, especially hogs and cattle, which branch of farming adds much to his annual income. He has made many improvements on his farm, the place being well equipped for modern and progressive farming. The substantial brick house in which he lives was erected in 1858, and stands as a monument to the house builders of that period, being still in fine condition. He built a fine and commodious new barn in 1915, which, together with all the buildings, fences and other equipment of the farm, makes it one of the most attractive farms of the township.

In 1873 John E. Pence was married to Mary E. Norman, who was born on a farm in Johnson township, September 8, 1852, the daughter of Lemuel and Susanna (Kaufman) Norman, and a grandniece of Christian Norman. To this union three children have been born: Clarence, a farmer of Concord township, this county, married Belle Jenkins; Asa, a farmer living near Millers-town, Ohio, married Grace Folts, and Fred, who is in Alaska. The family are earnest and devoted members of the Reformed church, in which Mr. Pence has served as deacon and treasurer. Fraternally, Mr. Pence belongs to St. Paris Lodge No. 446, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which organization he takes an active and interested part. He is a Republican in politics, and has always been deeply interested in local political matters, and any measure having for its object the welfare and betterment of his community, has his unqualified support.

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### WILLIAM E. PRINCE.

William E. Prince, an enterprising and progressive farmer, and a former railway mail clerk, living on his place known as "Pleasant View Farm," in Johnson township, was born near Millerstown, in this township, on March 11, 1868, the son of Joseph and Amanda (Deffenbaugh) Prince, the former of whom was a native of Virginia, and the latter of Ohio.

Joseph Prince was born in Page county, Virginia, on June 13, 1822, and came as a lad of eight years to Ohio, where he was reared to manhood. On December 20, 1866, he was married to Amanda J. Deffenbaugh, who was born in Adams township, this county, on January 15, 1846. To this union the following children were born: William E., the immediate subject of this review; Charles L., an employee of the United States railway mail service, living in Piqua, Ohio; Frank J., a graduate of the Ohio State University

at Columbus, Ohio, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and a graduate of the Ohio Medical University, now a practicing physician and surgeon living in Bitter Root Valley, Montana, and John H., also a graduate of the Ohio Medical University, now practicing at Piqua, Ohio. Joseph Prince served in the Union army during the Civil War as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted on May 13, 1864, and served one hundred days, being mustered out on August 31, 1864, at Camp Chase, Ohio. He was a Republican in politics, and while interested in all public matters, yet was not a partisan in any sense of the term, or an office seeker. He was a member of St. Paris Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and an adherent of the Reformed church. His death occurred in April, 1902, his widow still surviving him.

William E. Prince was reared on the farm in Johnson township, receiving his education in the schools of Millerstown, Ohio. In his young manhood he clerked in a general store for six years, after which he was engaged in farming. In 1901 he took the civil service examination for the United States railway mail service, and in February, 1902, receiving his appointment, in which capacity he served until January, 1912, since which time he has been living with his mother on the home farm, which he is operating. They have about sixty acres in the home place and also village lots. They raise Jersey cattle, Berkshire hogs and carry on general farming. They now rent out the land. He is a Republican in politics, and takes an active interest in the public life of his community.

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#### DAVID H. MOORE, M. D.

One of the most successful of the younger medical men of Champaign county is Dr. David H. Moore, of Urbana. He was born in Salem township, this county, on the old home farm, August 30, 1883. He is a son of James H. and Isabel (Duncan) Moore, both natives of Champaign county also, each representing old families in this locality. Here they grew to maturity, attended school and were married. When a young man James H. Moore went to Newark, Ohio, where he worked for a short time at the pattern trade, later returning to his native county and engaged in the implement business with Silas Sandy, at Urbana, under the firm name of Sandy & Moore. A few years later he went on the road as a traveling salesman, and in 1896 he and James Robinson started a new concern known as the





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Hardware Supply Company, which proved to be a successful venture, growing to large proportions. Mr. Moore remained in that business until 1903, when he became engaged with the McCoy Canning Company of Urbana, with which he remained until his death in 1914. He was one of the county's well known and successful business men in his day. His family consisted of only two children, a son and a daughter, namely: Dr. David H., of this sketch, and Margaret A.

David H. Moore received his education in the public schools of Urbana and was graduated from the high school in 1903. After that he was employed in the drug stores of Urbana until the fall of 1908, when he entered the Starling Ohio Medical College at Columbus, taking the full four-years course. He made an excellent record there and graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1912. After leaving college, he at once began the practice of his profession in Urbana and has remained here ever since. He was successful from the first and has built up a large and lucrative practice.

Doctor Moore was married on June 15, 1915, to Muriel A. Hatton, a daughter of C. B. and Clara Hatton.

Doctor Moore is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He has been secretary of the County Medical Society for the past two years. He belongs to the Alpha Mu Pi Omega fraternity, the Champaign Masonic lodge, of which he is the present master, and to the Presbyterian church. Politically, he is a Republican and in January, 1915, became a member of the board of county commissioners.

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### JOSEPH NORMAN.

Joseph Norman, one of Concord township's best-known and most substantial farmers and proprietor of the old Norman homestead farm in that township, was born in the fine old house in which he is now living and in which four generations of the Norman family have lived, one and one-fourth miles southeast of Millerstown, on rural mail route No. 5, out of St. Paris, this county. He was born on February 23, 1864, son of Lemuel and Susanna (Kauffman) Norman, the former of whom was born on that same farm, son of pioneer parents.

Lemuel Norman was a son of Christian Norman, one of the early

settlers of Champaign county, and one of the most influential figures in the Millerstown neighborhood in the early days. Christian Norman was a Virginian, who came over into this part of Ohio in 1805 and after prospecting about a bit selected a location and went to the land office at Cincinnati to file on the same. The decisive factor in his selection of the site he had in mind was a fine flowing spring, but when he returned from the land office with his papers he found that the land described in the same did not contain the coveted spring, after all. He then made a more accurate "location" and returned to Cincinnati, coming back with a patent covering the "eighty" which had the spring on it, he thus starting here with a quarter of a section of land instead of the "eighty" which he originally had in mind. Upon locating on that tract Christian Norman cut out a small clearing and erected a modest log house in which he established his home, later putting up a double log house, and in 1827 erected the substantial brick house which is still serving as a residence on the old home place and which is still in a fine state of preservation. This house was built of bricks burned on the place and was finished with walnut timber cut on the place and hand carved. The substantial barn which is still doing service on the farm, built of poplar, walnut and oak, was raised in 1814. Christian Norman became an extensive landowner, the possessor of considerable tracts of land in this state and over in Indiana, and was a man of large influence in the early development of that part of the county in which he settled. He and his wife were active in church work and he was an active worker in the ranks of the Whigs. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, Benjamin, Gabriel, Lemuel, Savilla, Leanna, Sarah, Elizabeth and Lydia.

Lemuel Norman was reared on the old home farm and after his marriage to Susanna Kauffman established his home there, spending there the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1875. His widow is living in Concord township. Of the children born to them, six are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mary E., wife of John E. Pence; John, of St. Paris; Rebecca, a spinster; Benjamin M., a Johnson township farmer, and Leanna, wife of F. B. Weller, of the neighboring county of Shelby.

Reared on the old farm, Joseph Norman grew to manhood there, from the days of his boyhood a valuable assistant in the labors of the farm, and has spent all his life in the old pioneer brick house in which he was born, having established his home there after his marriage in the spring of 1884, and has long owned the old home place. Mr. Norman has done well in his farming operations and has one of the best farm plants in the Millers-

town neighborhood. He is a Republican, but has never taken a particularly distinctive part in political affairs.

On May 22, 1884, Joseph Norman was united in marriage to Margaret May Berry, who was born in Johnson township, this county, June 15, 1865, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Jenkins) Berry, the former of whom was born in that same township, June 25, 1835, and the latter, in Mercer county, this state. Peter Berry and wife were the parents of eight children, those besides Mrs. Norman being William D., Mary M., George M., Cora A., Joseph P., and Savilla. Mr. and Mrs. Norman have one child, a daughter, Dollie, born on July 21, 1886, who married Edgar E. Barger, employed in the railway mail service on the Pennsylvania lines, and has one child, a son, Hugh J., born on July 31, 1909, living with Mr. Norman. Mrs. Norman and her daughter are members of the Reformed church at Millers-town and Mr. Norman is a member of St. Paris Lodge, No. 344, Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of which organization he takes a warm interest.

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#### EDWARD H. LEEDOM.

Edward H. Leedom, proprietor of "Grain Farm," a delightful place of ninety-five and one-half acres in Johnson township, this county, three and one-half miles northwest of St. Paris, on rural mail route No. 1, out of that city, was born in the neighboring county of Shelby, but has been a resident of Champaign county since he was a child. He was born on a farm in the Palestine neighborhood on August 6, 1862, a son of Howard and Nancy (Apple) Leedom, both also natives of this state, who settled in this county in 1866, the former spending the rest of his life here and the latter still living here at a ripe old age.

Howard Leedom was born and reared in Ohio and at St. Paris married Nancy Apple, who was born and reared in Johnson township, this county. After their marriage they remained at St. Paris for some time and then settled on a farm in the Palestine neighborhood over in Shelby county, where they remained until 1866, in which year they returned to Champaign county and settled on a farm in Johnson township, where Howard Leedom spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in July, 1908. His widow still survives him. Howard Leedom was a Republican and took an active part in political affairs. He was an active member of the Methodist church, as is his widow, and was a liberal con-

tributor to the work of the church. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and took a warm interest in the affairs of that organization. To him and his wife five children were born, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Charles N. Leedom, who married Roe Ann Berry, and is now a resident of Dayton, this state, and a sister, Anna, wife of William Sotherland. The deceased children were Clara, who married Seward Lane, and another daughter, Victoria.

Edward H. Leedom was four years of age when he came to this county with his parents from Shelby county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Johnson township, receiving his schooling in the neighboring schools. He married when twenty-one years of age and after his marriage established his home on the farm on which he is now living and has there resided ever since, developing there one of the best farm plants in that part of the county. Mr. Leedom is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, for some time having served as director of his local school district.

On September 27, 1883, Edward H. Leedom was united in marriage to Emma Saylor, who was born at St. Paris, this county, daughter of Henry and Lucinda C. (Heaston) Saylor, prominent residents of that city, both now deceased. Henry Saylor was born in Clark county, this state, in 1835, and was reared on a farm. Being orphaned in the days of his youth he came up into this county and at St. Paris began to "shift for himself;" doing so so successfully that in time he became the vice-president of the First National Bank of St. Paris, of which institution he was one of the organizers and chief stockholders, and was for years regarded as one of the leading citizens of that place. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow and took an active interest in lodge work. He and his wife were the parents of two children, of whom Mrs. Leedom alone survives, her brother, Albert R. Saylor, being deceased.

To Edward H. and Emma (Saylor) Leedom six children have been born, of whom five are still living, namely: Mary, a graduate of the St. Paris high school and a former teacher in the schools of this county, who married C. V. Jones and is now living at St. Paris; Charles Albert, who married Mary A. Wolcott and is farming in Johnson township; Lucinda, who was graduated from the St. Paris high school and is now a teacher in the Urbana schools; Yardley, who is at home, a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the home farm, and Kathleen, who is still in school.



The Leedoms are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at St. Paris and take a proper interest in church work and in the general social activities of their home community.

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### JOHN B. ERWIN.

John B. Erwin, one of Johnson township's well-known and substantial farmers, owner of one hundred and seventy-two acres of fine land in that township and the possessor of a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 4 out of St. Paris, is a native of the old Keystone state, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his young manhood. He was born on a farm in Huntington county, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1843, son of William and Isabel (Vawn) Erwin, also natives of that same state, whose lives were spent there. William Erwin owned an excellent farm in the near vicinity of Rossville, Pennsylvania. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Margaret R., widow of Wesley Morgan; William A., who married Jennie Parsons; Agnes N., wife of Jacob A. McMullen, and Robert G., who married Jane Morgan.

Reared on the home farm in Huntington county, Pennsylvania, John B. Erwin received a good common-school education and remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, when he came over into Ohio, in April, 1864, and for three months thereafter worked on a farm in Richland county. He then went to Preble county and thence over into Indiana, later returned to Miami county, Ohio, and began to work on a farm in the vicinity of Piqua, but a short time afterward returned to his home in Pennsylvania, where he remained nearly a year, at the end of which time, in October, 1866, he returned to Ohio and in the following November was married in Champaign county. After his marriage he rented a farm over in Shelby county and continued a renter until presently he bought a little farm of thirty acres, the nucleus of his present valuable farm holdings of one hundred and seventy-two acres in Johnson and Concord townships, this county, where he makes his home and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. Erwin has a fine farm plant and has done well in his farming operations. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has never taken a particularly active part in politics.

On November 6, 1866, John B. Erwin was united in marriage to Mary

E. Blackford, who was born in Johnson township, this county, January 20, 1850, daughter of William Blackford and Susan Chapman, well-known residents of that community, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Willie, who died at the age of nine years; Elnora, wife of William Comer, of Johnson township; Mary B., wife of George York, a resident of the neighboring county of Logan; George W., who married Mary A. Robinson and lives in Concord township; Lottie J., wife of Ira Pence, a grocery dealer at St. Paris, and Olive May, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of their home neighborhood. Mr. Erwin is past noble grand of Crayon Lodge No. 397, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife are members of Ethel Lodge No. 314, Daughters of Rebekah, of which Mrs. Erwin is a past noble grand. Mrs. Erwin is one of the best-known workers in the ranks of the Daughters of Rebekah in this part of the state and served for some time as installing officer and was treasurer for ten years in that order.

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### FRANK APPLE.

One of the substantial farmers of Johnson township, this county, who has lived here all his life, is Frank Apple, who was born on the farm now owned by Naaman L. Apple, one mile west of St. Paris, on February 12, 1867. He is a son of William and Mary Ann (Lyons) Apple, both of whom also were natives of Champaign county.

William Apple was born in Jackson township on the old home farm which his parents had entered from the government, and was the son of Solomon and Catherine Apple, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, who came from that state in an early day to Montgomery county, Ohio, locating first at Dayton, which at that time was only a small trading point, containing only two houses. They did not remain long at Dayton, however, but came on into Champaign county, settling on land in Jackson township, which they had entered from the government. This land was wild and unimproved, had no clearings and no buildings of any kind, while Indians roamed the woods about them. However, with true pioneer spirit, they proceeded to clear and cultivate their land, literally hewing a home out of the wilderness, and here they reared their family and lived the remainder of their days, being ranked among the sturdy pioneers of this district. Will-

iam Apple and his wife settled on the tract of land which is now known as the Naaman Apple farm, and which was a part of the old homestead farm belonging to his father, and here they lived and died, and here all of their children were born in the original log house which was erected by William Apple at the time of his marriage. His wife, Mary Ann Lyons, was born in Johnson township, on a farm two miles north of St. Paris, this farm now being owned by J. H. Biddle. She was a daughter of Christian Lyons and wife, both of whom were natives of Virginia, who came to Champaign county, Ohio, about 1812, locating in Johnson township. William Apple was a very prominent and influential citizen in the early days of this section, taking an active part in the upbuilding and betterment of his community, being a leader in the locality. He served many years as township trustee, and was also a member of the school board of his township for a number of years. He was one of the substantial and well-to-do farmers of this county, accumulating more than four thousand acres of land. He was a Democrat in politics, and active in the councils of his party. He and his wife were the parents of five children, two of whom are living: Albert L., who died on June 21, 1917; Naaman L., living on the old home farm of his grandfather, and Frank, of this review.

Frank Apple was reared on the old homestead farm in Jackson township, receiving his education in the district schools, and early in life learned the rudiments of farming by assisting in the work of his father's farm. He started out in life for himself by engaging in farming in Union township, where he lived for two years, but upon the death of his father in 1900, he returned to Johnson township, taking charge of affairs pertaining to his father's estate, and has since lived on his farm on the St. Paris and Millers-town pike, three miles northeast of St. Paris and one mile south of Millers-town, containing fifty-eight and one-half acres of fine land. Mr. Apple also owns sixty-three acres of land adjoining his farm on the west, one mile north of St. Paris.

On September 22, 1898, Frank Apple was united in marriage to Cora L. Strock, and to this union two children have been born. Charles Franklin, who died in 1912, at the age of eleven years, and Ruth Elizabeth, born January 25, 1907, now in the fifth grade of the district school. Mrs. Apple was born at Mutual, Ohio, in Union township, this county, on July 12, 1875, and is a daughter of John and Jennie (Goul) Strock, both of whom were natives of this county, the former being of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Jennie Goul was a daughter of Christian Goul, of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Strock were the parents of three children: Clay, who is living at home with his

parents; Charles, a resident of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Cora L., the wife of Mr. Apple. Mrs. Apple was reared at Mutual, receiving her early education in the Mutual schools, later attending college at Ada, Ohio, taking a business course at the Ohio Normal University. In the fall of 1894 the family came to Johnson township, locating on a farm one mile northwest of St. Paris, where she lived until she married Mr. Apple. The family are members of the Baptist church at St. Paris, in the affairs of which they take an active interest. In politics, Mr. Apple is a Democrat.

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### JAMES B. PUTNAM.

James B. Putnam, one of Johnson township's substantial and up-to-date farmers and stockmen is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Jackson township, November 2, 1856, son of Henry and Margaret (Wogmoth) Putman, substantial pioneer residents of that neighborhood.

Henry Putman was born in Mason county, Kentucky, November 21, 1815, and was but an infant when his father, Zecharia Putnam, came to Ohio in 1816 with his family and settled on a farm in Mad River township, this county, where he remained until 1821, when he moved over into Jackson township and established his home on a farm there, spending the rest of his life a resident of that township and one of the influential pioneer citizens of the same. On that pioneer farm Henry Putnam grew to manhood and after his marriage in 1842 to Margaret Wogmoth established his home on a farm in that same township, but later moved to Johnson township, and there spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Sarah J., widow of Jesse Pence; Amanda, widow of David Eicher, and Charles Putnam, the deceased children having been Jennie and John Putnam.

Having been but a mere child when his parents moved from Jackson to Johnson townships, James B. Putnam grew to manhood on the home farm in the latter township and received his schooling in the local schools. After his marriage in 1878 he established his home on the farm of one hundred and seventeen acres on which he is now living and there has ever since resided, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Putnam is one of the progressive farmers and stockmen of that neighbor-

hood and his farm plant is one of the best in that part of the county. Mr. Putnam has found time amid the multiplying duties of the farm to give his thoughtful attention to local civic affairs and has held several township offices at one time and another. He is a Democrat and is looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in his home township.

In 1878 James B. Putnam was united in marriage to Alice Prince, who also was born in this county, a daughter of Solomon Prince, further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union eleven children have been born, five of whom are still living, namely: Lloyd, of St. Paris; Naomi, wife of Leonard Hull, and Mable, Clara and Clarence, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam are members of the Baptist church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community, and the family has ever given its interested attention to the general social activities of that community.

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#### WILLIAM F. LICKLIDER.

William F. Licklider, farmer, of Adams township, Champaign county, was born on a farm in Johnson township, this county, February 10, 1859. He is a son of William H. and Margaret A. (Struble) Licklider, he a native of Virginia and she of Shelby county, Ohio. He had been previously married and had one child by his first wife, Mary E. Licklider, who is now the wife of John Dorey, of Shelby county, this state. Mary E. Licklider first married John Pepper and several children were born to them, all being now deceased. William H. Licklider was a member of the Christian church at Carysville, Ohio; in fact, was a charter member of that congregation, and was a liberal supporter of the church. He was a Democrat in early life, but later voted the Prohibition ticket. When starting out in life for himself he lived for some time in Johnson township, later moved to Adams township and bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres. He owned one hundred and fifteen acres in Johnson township. His family consisted of eight children, one of whom died in infancy, and four are living in 1917, namely: William F., of this sketch; Edith, the wife of Charles Johnson, of Shelby county, Ohio; Elmer, living at Rosewood, this county, and Charles H., farming in Adams township.

William F. Licklider grew up on the home farm in Johnson township,



being eighteen years old when the family removed to Adams township. He attended the district schools and later the Carysville schools. He remained at home until he was twenty-three years old, the last two years working by the year for his father, also renting land from him. He has continued general agricultural pursuits and now owns a well-kept farm of one hundred and fifteen acres in Adams township.

Mr. Licklider was married on February 22, 1885, to Alice M. Buroker. She was born in St. Paris, Champaign county, April 19, 1858, and there she grew up and attended school. She is a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Snapp) Buroker. The father was born in Virginia and the mother in Jackson township, Champaign county.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Licklider, namely: Gladys, born in April, 1887, is single and lives at home; Joseph W., who was graduated from Rosewood high school, taught school several years; he was married on April 17, 1917, to Melvie Darrow; they are living with his parents on the farm. Walter Licklider is single and lives at home.

Politically, Mr. Licklider is a Democrat. He served as supervisor of his township one year. He is a member of the Golden Eagles. He is keeper of the exchequer and has been since it was first organized. He and his family are members of the Christian church at Carysville. He was trustee of the church there for ten or twelve years and has always been active in church affairs.

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#### ASA B. BUROKER.

As a successful educator Asa B. Buroker, superintendent of the Adams township consolidated schools at Rosewood, has long stood in the front rank of his profession in Champaign county. He was born in Jackson township, this county, April 26, 1864. He is a son of William and Leann (Wolgamuth) Buroker. The father was born in Mad River township, March 29, 1840, and the mother was born in Jackson township, in September, 1840. They grew to maturity in Champaign county, attended the common schools and here they were married, after which they established their home on a farm in Jackson township, but later moved to Johnson, Mad River and Adams townships, finally locating in the town of St. Paris, where he still resides, the mother's death occurring there some years ago. William Buroker devoted his active life to general agricultural pursuits. He was long one of the active members of Myrtle Tree Baptist church, being



a leader of the choir for many years. He is an excellent reader of music. He served one year as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Fourteen children were born to William Buroker and wife, all but two surviving at this writing, namely: Rosa is the wife of D. J. Pence, of Converse, Indiana; Asa B., of this sketch; Charles is farming near Sims, Grant county, Indiana; Mary is the wife of Cory Slusser, a farmer of near Lena, Ohio; Elizabeth is the widow of Perry Beatty, of St. Paris, this county; Simon and Miles are partners in the butter-making business at Troy, Ohio; Monroe is farming near Pemberton, Ohio; David is farming in Shelby county, Ohio; John is farming in Logan county, this state; Guy is a motorman at Peru, Indiana, and Edna is the wife of J. W. Beck of Marion, Ohio.

Asa B. Buroker was reared on the farm in his native county. He received his early education in the district schools, and when but a boy he began teaching. He later took the course of the old Urban Normal School and also a course in the Interstate Correspondence School of Chicago, Illinois. He has always been a student and has become a highly educated man, very largely through his own efforts. He has kept abreast of the times in all that pertains to his work and has long been regarded as one of the able and progressive teachers in the public schools of Champaign county. He began teaching in 1886 in the Vance school in Mad River township, and continued teaching in district schools for a period of twenty years. He was superintendent of the schools of Johnson township seven years. He came to Rosewood in 1907 as a teacher in the schools there and he was superintendent of the Adams township consolidated schools for four years. He centralized the schools there and he has been superintendent of them ever since. As a teacher his services have always been in good demand, for he is not only well equipped from an educational standpoint for his chosen life work, but he is also well qualified by nature and training and has given eminent satisfaction everywhere to both pupils and patrons. He is painstaking, thorough and reliable.

Mr. Buroker was married in 1889 to Ida Rhoades, a daughter of Thomas Rhoades and wife. To this union ten children have been born, namely: Zelia, the wife of Glenn Buck, a graduate of the Rosewood schools; Vista, the wife of Cleo Davis, of Napoleon, Ohio; Carroll is also a graduate of the Rosewood schools; Howard, a high school graduate, is a merchant at Rosewood; Willard was graduated from the local high school in 1917; Faye will graduate from the local high school with the class of 1918; Nettie

is attending the public schools; Lloyd and Lois are twins, and Florence is the youngest.

Mr. Buroker is a Prohibitionist and has always voted and worked for temperance. He is a member of the United Brethren church at Rosewood and is active in church and Sunday school work.

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### HARRISON A. WILSON.

Harrison A. Wilson, former trustee of Harrison township, vice-president of the Farmers Banking Company of West Liberty and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-eight acres where he is now living in Harrison township, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life, one of the best-known and most substantial citizens of the northern part of Champaign county. He was born on December 1, 1862, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Jane (Wright) Wilson, the former of whom also was born in that neighborhood and the latter in the state of Virginia, whose last days were spent on the farm on which their son, Harrison, is now living.

Andrew Wilson was born on December 3, 1813, son of pioneer parents, whose home was on the farm adjoining the present Harrison Wilson farm on the east, and there he grew to manhood and married a neighbor girl, Elizabeth Jane Wright, who was born in Virginia on April 4, 1829, and who was but a girl when her parents, Benjamin and Peggy (Ruddell) Wright, who were married in Virginia in June, 1828, came to Ohio and settled in Clark county, presently moving from there up into Champaign county and settling on the farm just east of the present Ben Wilson farm in Harrison township. In later years Benjamin Wright and his wife moved to Illinois, where their last days were spent, the latter dying there on July 3, 1866, and the former surviving for many years, his death occurring on September 29, 1894. After his marriage Andrew Wilson settled on the quarter section of the old home place now owned and occupied by his son, Harrison, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, influential and useful residents of that community. He was a Republican and in his younger days took an active part in local politics, serving for several years as trustee of his home township. He was one of the leaders in the local Grange in the early days of that organization and did much to promote the cause of the same. His wife was a member of the Spring Hill Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. Andrew Wilson and wife were the

parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Sarah Jane, born on January 22, 1847, who is the wife of A. S. Nelson, of Noblesville, Indiana; Rebecca V., October 3, 1848, who died in March, 1913; William H., February 27, 1851, now deceased; Margaret, April 11, 1853, who married E. D. Robinson and is now deceased; Martha J., April 7, 1855, wife of Henry Lee, of Thackery, this county; Mary Ann, February 11, 1857, now a resident of West Liberty; Benjamin W., January 27, 1860, also a resident of West Liberty; Ellen E., January 19, 1867, who married T. C. Hines and is now deceased, and Charles F., April 11, 1869, who died on June 19 of that same year.

Harrison A. Wilson grew to manhood on the farm on which he was born and on which he is now living. He received his early schooling in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home and was later graduated from the Capital City Commercial College at Columbus. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant in the labors of improving and developing the home place and after his marriage in the spring of 1888 established his home there and has ever since made that his place of residence. Mr. Wilson has a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-eight acres and has done well in his farming operations. For several years he has been identified with the Farmers Banking Company of West Liberty, a member of the board of directors of the same, and is now one of the company's vice-presidents. An earnest Republican, he has ever given his thoughtful attention to local civic affairs and for several years served as trustee of his home township and for several years as a member of the local board of education. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Wilson has given considerable attention to the raising of high-grade stock and has some fine Shorthorn cattle, Poland China and Duroc hogs and one of the best flocks of sheep in the northern part of the county.

On March 13, 1888, Harrison A. Wilson was united in marriage to Julia A. Carr, who was born on a farm in the vicinity of Degraff, in the neighboring county of Logan, daughter of Frederick Carr and wife, and to this union seven children have been born, namely: Darcy A., born on January 7, 1889, who died on May 14 of that same year; Herman W., August 16, 1890, who is now living six miles east of West Liberty; Ivan C., February 7, 1892, who died on April 1, 1893; Bertha, February 11, 1895, who is at home; Helen, December 27, 1896, also at home; Ruth, December 14, 1898, at home, and Warren A., January 26, 1901. All the members of this family are members of the Spring Hill Presbyterian church with the excep-

tion of Herman, who is a member of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal church. The Wilsons have a very pleasant home and have ever given their interested attention to the community's general social activities.

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### THOMAS T. BRAND.

Major Thomas T. Brand, United States Army, retired, an honored veteran of the Civil War, vice-president of the Urbana National Bank and one of the best-known and most substantial capitalists and real-estate investors in this part of Ohio, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life, a resident of Urbana practically all the time since the completion of his military service in 1868. Major Brand is a member of one of the oldest families in Champaign county. He was born at Mechanicsburg, January 28, 1835, son of Joseph C. and Lavinia (Talbot) Brand, early settlers there and further and fitting mention of whom is made in the historical section of this volume. He received his schooling at Urbana and in Springfield, and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He was one of the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers, and on April 17, 1861, the day after the fall of Ft. Sumter, enlisted as a private in Company K, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and on the day following was elected first lieutenant of that company. On the 19th the company started for Washington with instructions to rendezvous at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where it was mustered into service as a part of the Second Ohio, on the 29th of the same month. On May 2nd the company arrived in Washington, where it was assigned to Schenck's Brigade, Tyler's Division of McDowell's Army of Northeastern Virginia.

The Second Ohio remained on duty at Washington in defense of the capital until June, and on the 22nd of that month Lieutenant Brand resigned his commission in the volunteer service to accept an appointment as first lieutenant in the regular army, being attached to the Eighteenth Regiment, United States Infantry; and from that time until the following December was engaged in recruiting service in behalf of that regiment. In December, 1861, Lieutenant Brand joined his regiment at Columbus, Ohio, and in the following January, that command was ordered to Kentucky, where it was assigned to the Third Brigade of the Army of the Ohio; and was thus a portion of the Third Army Corps until September of that same year. In November, 1861, the regiment became a part of the Fourth Brigade, First

(Center) Division of the Fourth Army Corps in the Army of the Cumberland, and in the following January was assigned to the Third Brigade. In February, 1862, the command moved to Nashville, and from that city marched to Savannah, Tennessee, to re-enforce the Army of the Tennessee. From March 20, to April 6, while the movements leading up to the battle of Shiloh were taking place, his command was engaged in an advance on Corinth, Mississippi; later taking part in the siege of that city, which culminated on May 30 in the fall of that city. He then took part in the pursuit of the enemy to Boonville and Iuka, Mississippi. Later, he marched to Tuscumbia, Alabama, arriving at this place on June 22. He remained on duty there until July 27, and was then stationed at Deckard, Tennessee, until August 21, when his regiment was transferred to Louisville, Kentucky. There he was in the command of General Buell. At this time General Bragg, in concert with General Lee, in the same year, made his dash into Tennessee and Kentucky, aided by Kirby Smith. General Buell moved out from Louisville to meet him. On October 8, 1862, the two met at Perrysville, Kentucky, where Lieutenant Brand's command took part in the battle. Later, he marched to Nashville, where he joined the Regular Brigade, First Division, Fourteenth Army Corps, December 25. On December 31, 1862, and January 1-2-3, 1863, the command took a very active part in the battle of Stone's River. This engagement continued until January 3, and afterward the regiment was on duty at Murfreesborough, Tennessee, until June. On the 23rd of that month it began its service in connection with the Tallahoma, or Middle Tennessee campaign, being in action at Hoover's Gap on June 25 and 26, and taking part in the occupation of Tallahoma on July 1; thereafter was in the Chattanooga campaign, participating in the battle of Chickamauga, September 19 and 20. A few days before that battle, on September 11, 1863, Lieutenant Brand was promoted to the rank of captain. On the first day of the battle of Chickamauga, he received a severe wound in his left arm, which incapacitated him for further service in the field, and he thereafter served on special detail in the mustering and disbursing department of the army. On March 13, 1865, for conspicuous bravery displayed on the field during the battle of Stone's River and the battle of Chickamauga, he was honored with the rank of brevet major. After being assigned to mustering and disbursing duty, Major Brand was stationed at Madison, Wisconsin, until in February, 1864, when he was transferred to Columbus, Ohio, and was there engaged in similar service until December, 1865. He was then stationed at Indianapolis as chief mustering and disbursing officer of Indiana, where he remained until June 1, 1867, when he



was appointed chief mustering officer of Ohio and West Virginia, and so continued until his retirement from service on December 1, 1868.

On April 23, 1904, by act of Congress, Brevet-Major Brand was raised to the rank of major in the United States army, for services rendered during the Civil War.

Upon the completion of his military service Major Brand returned to his home at Urbana, where he since has made his home, for many years one of the most active and influential business men in this part of the state. The Major's investments have proved quite profitable and he is accounted one of the well-to-do citizens of his home town. He is vice-president and a director of the Urbana National Bank and has other important holdings, his various connections along these lines making him one of the most important figures in the financial life of this section. He is also a director of the Urbana Telephone Company. The Major is an ardent Republican and has ever taken an active interest in local political affairs, one of the leaders of his party in this county.

On December 28, 1864, Major Thomas T. Brand was united in marriage to Eliza C. Warnock, daughter of the Rev. David Warnock, and to this union were born two sons, Dr. Frank W. Brand, a physician at Urbana, and Dr. Thomas T. Brand, Jr., a dentist at Urbana.

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### GEORGE W. HOUX.

Among the pioneers of the northern part of Champaign county, few have left a better memory than did George W. Houx and his wife, for many years proprietors of "Mt. Tabor Farm," now occupied by their son and daughter, in Salem township. Mr. Houx had been a resident of this county since 1845 and was eighty years of age at the time of his death in 1892. He was born at Cumberland, Maryland, October 29, 1812, son of John Houx and wife, whose last days were spent there and who were the parents of three sons, the subject of this sketch having had two brothers, John, who died in Maryland, and William, who located in Iowa.

George W. Houx was reared at Cumberland and there received his schooling. For five years he served in the United States standing army and in 1844 came to Ohio and in the spring of the next year located in this county, where he presently married Mrs. Susan P. (Turner) Houk, a widow, who was born in Jefferson county, Virginia, July 29, 1809, a daughter of





GEORGE W. HOUX



Anthony and Fannie Turner, and who was the owner of "Mt. Tabor Farm" in Salem township, this county. Mrs. Houk was the mother of four children, namely: Eliza, born in 1831, wife of H. Hovey, of Urbana, this county; George W. Houk, who died in his youth; Anna Frances, who died in 1852, and Alexander P. Houk, who moved to Greene county, Missouri. After his marriage Mr. Houx settled at "Mt. Tabor Farm" and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, active in all good works in that neighborhood and useful and influential members of the community. Mrs. Houx died on November 18, 1884, and Mr. Houx survived until December 28, 1892, he being past eighty years of age at the time of his death. To him and his wife three children were born, Mary Ellen, born on December 30, 1847, who died at the old home place on September 15, 1905; Martha A., August 1, 1849, who has always lived on the old home place, and John H., December 14, 1852, who also has always made his home there, actively engaged in farming since the days of his boyhood.

John H. Houx has continued the development and improvement of "Mt. Tabor Farm" and he and his sister Martha have a very fine piece of property there, one of the best-improved farm plants in that neighborhood. They are members of the Mt. Tabor church and have ever given proper attention to neighborhood good works, being favorably known throughout that community. Mr. Houx is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office. He is a good farmer and he and his sister have done well with their inheritance.

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#### CHARLES E. WERTZ.

Charles E. Wertz, a well-known farmer and civil engineer living on the Carysville pike on rural mail route No. 1 out of St. Paris, five miles north of St. Paris, where he has a very pleasant home and where he and his family are very comfortably situated, is a native of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Champaign county since the days of his childhood. He was born on a farm in Brown township, Miami county, April 17, 1866, a son of Daniel and Eliza A. (Pence) Wertz, who later became residents of this county, still later moving to Indiana, where their last days were spent.

Daniel Wertz was born on a sailing vessel on the Atlantic ocean while his parents were on their way to this country to make a new home. They

settled in New Jersey, where the father died some years later and where Daniel Wertz lived until he was eleven years of age when he came to Ohio with two brothers and after a sometime residence in Champaign county moved over into Miami county, where he learned the cooper's trade and where he later established a cooper shop. He married Eliza A. Pence and some time later came back into Champaign county and started a cooper shop on Lynn street in St. Paris. When sixty years of age he returned to Miami county, but not long afterward moved to Wabash county, Indiana, where he spent his last days. His widow survived him for some years. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having four sisters, Minerva, wife of Seymour Shanks, of North Dakota; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Al. Riley, a farmer living near Lena, this state, she died in April, 1917; Martha, wife of Daniel Young, of Lena; and Alice, wife of Charles Doss, who lives near Conover, this state.

Charles E. Wertz grew to manhood in this county and after his marriage in 1889 began farming on his own account and has ever since been thus engaged, at present farming a little more than one hundred and seventy-five acres in Johnson township, where he has his home. He owns the tract surrounding his home and farms additional land adjoining the same and is doing very well. In addition to his farming Mr. Wertz has long given considerable attention to problems involving civil engineering and is regarded as quite a "genius" in that line. He holds a government license as a civil engineer and is often called into consultation in engineering matters. Mr. Wertz's son, Leo Wertz, is also a competent civil engineer and has become the patentee of several workable devices of a mechanical character, including an aerial device, in behalf of the development of which he is now in the employ of the government, working the device out into a more practicable form. He enlisted on June 5, 1917, in Company D, Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Others of Leo Wertz's patents also have gained for him wide recognition as an inventor of more than usual ability and his friends are predicting for him a brilliant future in the field of applied science.

On August 25, 1889, Charles E. Wertz was united in marriage to Belle Neher, who was born and reared near St. Paris in this county, receiving her schooling in the schools of district No. 9. She was born on July 11, 1869, daughter of Martin and Mary J. (Groves) Neher, the former a native of Logan county, this state, and the latter of Newark, Ohio, and the former of whom is still living, now a resident of St. Paris. To Mr. and

Mrs. Wertz ten children have been born, six of whom are still living, namely: Herby Leo, the inventor, mentioned above; Mary, wife of Jesse Shank; Marie, wife of Lloyd Curtner; Jennings, of Piqua, and Madaline and Allegra, who are at home. Mrs. Wertz is a member of the Baptist church and Mr. Wertz is a member of the Christian church at Palestine. He is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's part in local political affairs, but has not been included in the office-seeking class.

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### JOHN C. SCEVA.

John C. Sceva, president of the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg and one of the best-known and most substantial figures in banking and general business circles in Champaign county, was born at Mechanicsburg and has lived there and in that immediate vicinity all his life, a part of his boyhood having been spent on a farm in that neighborhood. He was born on November 21, 1838, son of Nathaniel and Rosaline (Woodward) Sceva, natives of New Hampshire, both born in the town of New London, that state, who became early settlers of Champaign county and here spent their last days, useful and influential residents of Mechanicsburg.

Nathaniel Sceva was born at New London, New Hampshire, in the year 1808, son of Henry and Joanna Sceva, also natives of that state and both of English descent. As a young man Nathaniel Sceva learned the carpenter trade, serving a seven-year apprenticeship at the same. On April 3, 1835, at New London, he married Rosaline Woodward, who also was born at that place, a daughter of James and Dolly (Dole) Woodward, and almost immediately after his marriage came with his bride to Ohio and settled in this county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Their journey was made by lake and canal to Cleveland and thence to this county by wagon, driving through with a party of thirteen persons. Not long after his arrival in Champaign county Nathaniel Sceva bought land in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg and there established his home. In addition to the general direction of his farming operations he also pursued the vocation of building contractor and became a well-to-do man. He later engaged in the mercantile business at Mechanicsburg and was thus successfully engaged at the time of his death on December 14, 1870. He was a Democrat and from the very beginning of his residence in this county took an active part in local political affairs, his influence ever being exerted in behalf of good government. He

served for one term as a member of the board of county commissioners and in other ways gave of his time and his energies to the public service. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Jennie, widow of Dr. Albert Sidener, of Mechanicsburg, and two brothers, Horace M. Sceva, of Tacoma, Washington, and Lewis C. Sceva, of New York City.

Reared at Mechanicsburg and on the farm nearby the village, John C. Sceva received his early schooling in the schools of his home village and supplemented the same by a two-years course in Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He early identified himself with his father in business at Mechanicsburg and in the management of the farm and after his father's death continued in business for himself. Previous to that, in 1865, he had married a daughter of R. D. Williams, organizer and for many years president of the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg, and not long afterward became connected with that bank, later becoming vice-president of the same. In 1900 Mr. Sceva was elected president of the Farmers Bank and has since occupied that position.

Mr. Sceva has been twice married. In January, 1865, he was united in marriage to Ella Williams, daughter of R. D. Williams and wife, who had come to this county from Maryland. Mr. Williams organized the first bank at Mechanicsburg, originally a private bank, which later was incorporated as the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg and which he served as president from the date of its incorporation in 1865 until his death in 1894. To that union two daughters were born, Anna, wife of F. M. Clemans, cashier of the bank, and Harriet, wife of E. A. Roberts, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Ella Sceva died in September, 1896, and Mr. Sceva later married Mrs. Lide Sanford Hinkle, daughter of William and Caroline Sanford. Mr. and Mrs. Sceva are members of the Methodist church and take an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works of their home community. Mr. Sceva has been a member of that church since the days of his boyhood and has for years been a member of the officary of the same, formerly a member of the board of trustees and now one of the stewards. He was a member of the building committee of the congregation at the time the new church edifice was erected and has in many ways contributed to the progress and the upbuilding of the church. He is a Democrat, with "independent" leaning on local issues, and has served the public in several official capacities, having been for nine years a member of the school board, for six



years a member of the town council and for six years trustee of Goshen township, ever giving his most thoughtful and intelligent service in behalf of the needs of the public.

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### JOHN B. OUTRAM.

John B. Outram, farmer and elevator man of Salem township, Champaign county, was born on December 18, 1871, in Urbana, Ohio. He is a son of John M. Outram, who was also born in Urbana, in September, 1848, and his death occurred in December, 1877. He was a son of Robert Outram, who was born in Newark, England, from which place he immigrated to America while yet a young man and single, locating in Urbana, Ohio, in pioneer days. He was twice married, first, to Mary Huffard, and secondly to Elizabeth (Downs) White, a widow. His family consisted of three sons, namely: Timothy, a soldier in the Union army, died during the Civil War; James, who married Mary Nincehelter, established his home in Cable, Ohio; and John M., father of the subject of this sketch.

John M. Outram was educated in the common schools and in Lebanon, Ohio. He was a school teacher, and at one time was principal of the school at Woodstock, Ohio. He was also a printer. He was a worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, and a loyal Republican, and was assessor in Woodstock. He married on January 26, 1870, to Della Russell, who was born at Northville, Ohio. She is a daughter of James and Julia (Mitchell) Russell. Mr. Russell was a native of Harper's Ferry, Virginia, but his wife was born at Northville, Ohio. He came with his parents to Salem township, Champaign county, when a boy. He was a son of Robert and Mary Russell. He devoted his life to farming. He and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church in Concord township. They were parents of eight children, namely: James, Valentine, Sarah, Robert, Elizabeth, Ann, Mary, and John B.

The following children were born to James and Julia Russell: Amanda died when twenty-one years old; Sarah E. married A. B. Funk, a farmer of Salem township, but he is now deceased; Mary Malissa died at the age of thirteen years; John Wesley, who was a soldier in the Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, was wounded at the battle of Antietam; after the war he located on a farm in Concord township, Champaign county; he married Clara Zimmerman; later in life he moved to Dan-

ville, Illinois, where his death occurred. Asenath S. died when twenty years old; Julia D., mother of the subject of this sketch; Emma Helen died in infancy; James Finley White Russell died when ten years old.

Two children were born to John M. Outram and wife, John B., subject of this sketch; and Lilly, who died at the age of two and one-half years.

John B. Outram was educated in the common schools in his community, later was graduated from the Urbana high school in 1891. The two following years he attended school in Delaware, Ohio. He then traveled for three years, selling machinery. He then took a business course in a school at Kingston, Pennsylvania. He has been engaged in the grain and elevator business at Lippincott, Ohio, during the past seventeen years. In his earlier career he ran a threshing machine many years. He has been very successful as a grain dealer. He is owner of one hundred and ten acres in Salem township. His land is well improved and he has a pleasant home.

Politically, Mr. Outram is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order at West Liberty, Ohio, and the Commandery at Urbana. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Mechanicsburg. His mother, who makes her home with him, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Urbana. He has never married.

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#### ORLANDO PENCE. \*

Orlando Pence, one of the best-known farmers in Johnson township, this county, and the proprietor of a fine place on rural mail route No. 1 out of St. Paris, was born in that same township and has lived there all his life. He was born on December 26, 1866, son of Eli and Rachel (Shipp) Pence, both also natives of this county, the latter on the farm on which they are still living, and to whom six children have been born, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, William F. Pence, a farmer of Johnson township, and a sister, Ellen, wife of Perry Apple, of Jackson township, this county. Of the deceased members of this family, Samuel Pence married Clara Maxim and had one child; Thursa was the wife of Frank Robbins, of Johnson township, and Emma died unmarried.

Reared on the farm on which he was born and where his parents are still living, Orlando Pence received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and remained at home, a valued assistant in the labors of the farm,

until his marriage in the fall of 1888. For four years thereafter he and his wife made their home on one of his father's farms and then they moved to the farm on which they are now living, in that same township, and where they are very comfortably situated. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Pence has given considerable attention to stock raising and has done very well. He is a Democrat, but has not been a seeker after public office.

In October, 1888, Orlando Pence was united in marriage to Dora E. Apple, who also was born in this county, daughter of Abram and Jane (Sice) Apple, both of whom are still living. Abraham Apple, long recognized as one of the most substantial farmers of the western part of Champaign county, began his farming operations on forty acres of land and as he prospered added to his holdings until he had enough land to give each of his six children one hundred acres and still retained one hundred and eighty acres for himself. Mr. and Mrs. Pence have two children, Abraham Eli Pence, who married Della Everingham, and Romie, who is unmarried and still living on the home place. Mrs. Pence is a member of the Lutheran church at St. Paris and Mr. Pence is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church.

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#### DANIEL C. HOUSER, M. D.

Dr. Daniel C. Houser, one of the widely known and successful general physicians of Champaign county, was born in Johnson township, this county, April 1, 1867. He is a son of William Houser, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1830. He followed the carpenter's trade for the first thirty years of his life, then engaged in farming until his death. In 1852 he removed to Champaign county, Ohio, locating in Johnson township, where he followed his trade for some time, later taking up general farming. He married first in 1854 Mary Ann Merica, who died in 1863. He later married Henrietta Idle, who was born in Concord township, Champaign county, January 28, 1839. His father, Henry Idle, was an early settler in that township, coming to this county from Virginia. To William Houser six children were born, namely: John W., Daniel C., Louis H., J. P., Jerry and Taylor.

Dr. Daniel C. Houser grew to manhood on the farm and there he assisted his father with the general work until he was twenty-six years old. He received his early education in the common schools, and at the age

of eighteen began teaching in the public schools of Champaign county, teaching with success for a period of eight years. For five years of that period he read medicine during his spare hours, under Doctor Longfellow, and later he entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, where he made an excellent record and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine on March 25, 1897. Soon thereafter he located at Millerstown, Champaign county, where he practiced his profession until in 1906, enjoying a very satisfactory patronage. He then moved to Urbana, where he is still residing. He has maintained a position in the front ranks of his professional brethren since coming here and is well known throughout the county.

Doctor Houser was married on October 23, 1893, to Florence M. Huntoon, who was born in Champaign county, July 20, 1869. She is a daughter of Martin True Huntoon, a native of New Hampshire, from which state he came to Champaign county, Ohio, in an early day and here he married Abigail Minturn, a native of Columbus, Ohio.

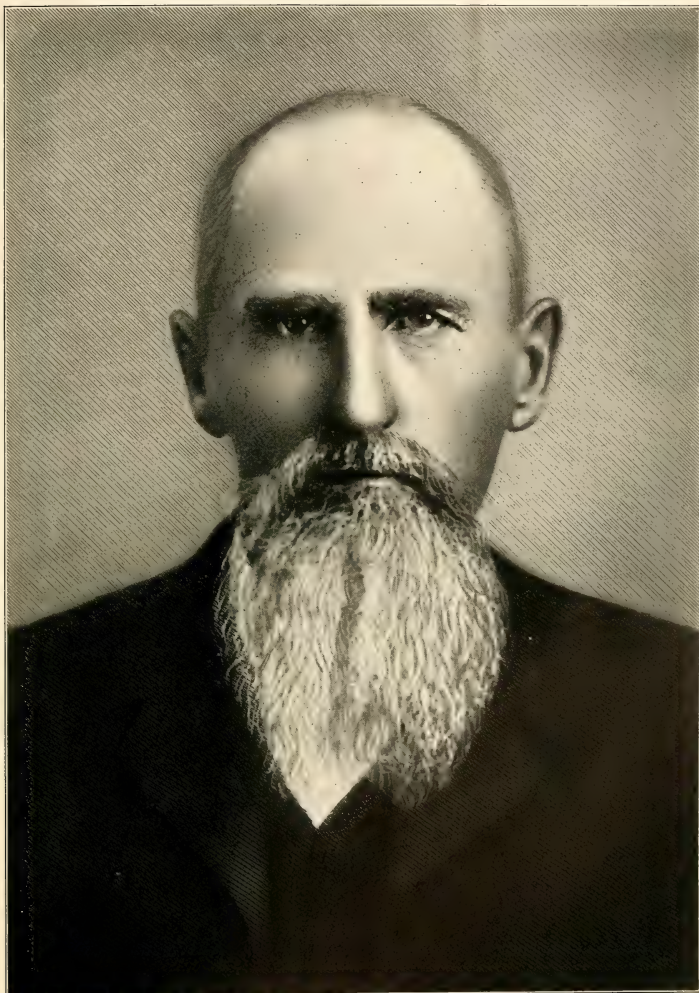
Two children have been born to the Doctor and wife, namely: Lester and Leah.

Doctor Houser is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Baptist church. Politically, he is a Democrat and has long been prominent in the affairs of his party. Doctor Houser is also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and the Masons at Urbana.

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### JAMES MCBETH.

The late James McBeth, for many years regarded as one of the leading dealers in live stock and who died at his home in Urbana in 1911, was a native son of Ohio and spent all his life in this state, a resident of Champaign county since the days of his childhood. He was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Lucas on November 24, 1834, and was but a child when his parents, Andrew and Susan (Taylor) McBeth, the latter of whom was born in Virginia, came down into Champaign county and settled on a farm north of Urbana, where they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential residents of that community. Andrew McBeth was a good farmer and became the owner of a fine farm of three hundred acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He and his wife were the



JAMES McBETH.





parents of three sons, the subject of this memorial sketch having had two brothers, Alexander and Robert.

As noted above, James McBeth was but a child when his parents came to this county in the thirties and he grew to manhood on the home farm north of Urbana, a valuable assistant to his father and brothers in the labors of improving and developing the home place. He supplemented the course in the common schools by a course in college and upon his return from college resumed his place on the farm and there continued assisting his father until his marriage in the spring of 1872, when he established his home on that same place and there remained for about eight years, at the end of which time he moved to Urbana in order to give closer personal attention to the growing interests of the extensive live-stock business he meanwhile had been developing, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring at his home there on November 27, 1911, he then being three days past seventy-seven years of age. Not only was Mr. McBeth one of the most extensive buyers and shippers of livestock in this part of the state, widely known among stockmen throughout this whole section, but he also was one of Champaign county's large landowners, the owner of two farms of a half section each and another farm of a quarter of a section, all of which he brought to a high state of cultivation, improving and developing them in fine shape, and gave the management of these farms his close personal attention. In addition to buying stock for the market, he raised large herds of his own and did very well in his operations. Mr. McBeth was a staunch Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but was not included in the office-seeking class. He was a man of fine public spirit and was ever a warm supporter of such movements as were designed to benefit his home town and the county at large, long having been regarded as one of the leading citizens of Champaign county.

On March 13, 1872, James McBeth was united in marriage to Sarah Comer, who was born on a farm in Concord township, this county, daughter of Philip and Dicy (Jenkins) Comer, both of whom also were born in this state and who were married in this county and here spent their last days, honored and useful residents of Concord township. Philip Comer, better known during the later period of his life as 'Squire Comer, was a considerable landowner in Concord township and was justice of the peace in and for that township for eighteen years. He also served for some time as a member of the board of commissioners of Champaign county and was one of the best-known men in the county, ever giving his best thought and most

intelligent attention to the public service, in many ways helpful in promoting the advancement of the common welfare hereabout. 'Squire Comer and wife were the parents of nine children, of whom but two are now living, Mrs. McBeth having a sister, Mary, also a resident of this county. To James and Sarah (Comer) McBeth one child was born, a son, Edgar McBeth, one of Urbana's best-known citizens. Since the death of her husband Mrs. McBeth has continued to make her home at Urbana, where she is very pleasantly and very comfortably situated.

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### JOSEPH FRANK MAST.

Elsewhere in this volume under the head of "The Mast Family" there is set out at considerable length something of the genealogy of the Mast family, together with the history of John Mast, a pioneer of Champaign county, and of his descendants. John Mast was a grandson of Bishop Jacob Mast, a native of Switzerland and a pioneer of Berks county, Pennsylvania, who became bishop of the Mennonite church and was a man of large influence throughout the Conestoga valley in the early days of the settlement of that region. He married and reared a numerous family and the descendants of that family are now found doing well their respective parts in all parts of the United States. John Mast was a son of Jacob and Barbara (Kenege) Mast, the former of whom was the fourth child and second son of the Bishop and his wife, Magdalene Holly. John Mast married Elizabeth Trego, also a native of Pennsylvania, and in 1830 came to Ohio and settled in the Kings Creek neighborhood, in Salem township, this county, becoming a large landowner and an influential resident of that community, living there until his retirement from the farm. He was the father of eight children, of whom Joseph Kenege Mast was the sixth in order of birth.

Joseph Kenege Mast, who is still living in Clark county, Ohio, being now in the eighty-fourth year of his age, remained on the old homestead farm, which he bought in 1868 and on which, nine years later, he erected a fine new brick house, one of the handsomest and most substantial country residences in the county at that time. He was a successful farmer and during the active years of his life a man of wide influence in the community in which he was born. He has been twice married. By his first wife, Catherine Eichholtz, of Urbana, he had nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: John Wesley, who was

killed by a fall from the barn when nine years of age; Charles Henry, who married Mary L. Swisher and lives at Kings Creek; Emma, wife of John M. Strasser, now living at Joliet, Illinois; Clara, unmarried, who is now employed as librarian in the city library at Grand Rapids, Michigan; Alta, now living at Los Angeles, California; Elizabeth, wife of Clark A. McInturff, of Streeter, Illinois; Cicero Phineas, who married Caroline Schroeder and is now living at Ottawa, Illinois, and Ivy, wife of the Rev. J. Ernest Balmer, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, now stationed at Fillmore, New York. The mother of these children died on August 26, 1883, and the father later married Josephine Anderson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Reared on the home farm in the Kings Creek neighborhood, where he was born on July 15, 1860, J. F. Mast, better known among his friends as Frank, received his schooling in the schools of that district and from boyhood was a valued aid to his father and brothers in the labors of the home farm. During the days of his young manhood he made a trip to eastern Kansas, with a view to a possible location in that part of the country, but after nine months spent in looking around there came to the conclusion that there was no place quite so good as Ohio and he came back to Champaign county. Early in 1886 he married and for twelve years thereafter he made his home on the farm of his grandfather, John Eichholtz, in Salem township, and did lots of hard work in the further development and improvement of the place. He then left the farm and moved to West Liberty, where for two years he was engaged in the agricultural-implement business, under the firm name of Yoder & Mast, and then bought his present fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, the old Instine place, in Salem township, where he since has made his home. That place is the scene of the old Instine tavern, notable in the early history of this part of the state, and for years was one of the central points of interest in that part of the county. In 1903 Mr. Mast tore down the old tavern and on the site of the same erected his present handsome residence, at a cost of twenty-six hundred dollars, and at the same time made other permanent and valuable improvements on the place, including buildings for his son, at the further cost of forty-five hundred dollars, and now has one of the best-improved places in that section. Since 1910, on account of failing health, Mr. Mast has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm and the operations of the same are being carried on very successfully by his youngest son, Harry W. Mast. Mr. Mast is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

It was on February 17, 1886, that J. F. Mast was united in marriage to

Melinda Instine, who also was born in Salem township, this county, daughter of Henry and Melinda (Benjamin) Instine, the former of whom was born in that same township, son of Michael Instine and wife, who kept the pioneer tavern above referred to on the place where the Masts are now making their home. Henry Instine was a successful farmer and he and his wife died on that place. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Mast was the last-born, the others being as follow: Samuel, now living at Urbana; Joseph, a farmer, of Salem township; Mary, wife of Benjamin Connelly, a farmer of the West Liberty neighborhood; Kate, wife of William Goss, of Urbana, and Henry and William, twins, the former of whom is a farmer in Urbana township and the latter of whom is living at Kings Creek.

To J. F. and Melinda (Instine) Mast two sons have been born, Burleigh Frank, who married Florence Otto and is now living at Cleveland, this state, and Harry Wright, who is farming the home place. Harry Wright Mast married Guytana Mays and has one child, a son, Arthur Frederick. The Masts have a very pleasant home and have ever taken a proper part in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in many ways in helping to promote the best interests of that community.

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### RUFUS DETWEILER.

Rufus Detweiler, one of Salem township's best-known and most progressive farmers and stockmen, is a native of the old Keystone state, but has been a resident of this state since he was a boy. He was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1870, son of Eli B. and Rachel S. (Greer) Detweiler, both natives of that same state, the former born in Mifflin county, a son of Jonathan Detweiler, a substantial farmer. Eli B. Detweiler was early trained as a carpenter and bridge builder and at these vocations worked in Pennsylvania until in the middle eighties, when he came over into Ohio and began farming. For a couple of years after coming to this state he was located on the Benjamin Harris farm in the vicinity of West Liberty, and then came over into Champaign county and began farming in the neighborhood of Kenard, in Salem township. He later moved to another farm in that same township and remained there until his retirement from the farm and removal to Kings Creek. His wife died in that village on June 26, 1909, and he later made a trip back to his old home in Pennsylvania and while visiting there was taken ill and died on October 3 of that same year. To him and his wife

were born fourteen children, of whom nine grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: John, a Salem township farmer; William, who lives at Marysville, this state; David, a Salem township farmer; Oran E., a farmer and horseman, of Salem township; George, who died in 1915; Anna, wife of Harry Cooper, a Salem township farmer; Margaret, wife of Clinton Boyer, also of Salem township, and Ella May, wife of Marion Goul, of that same township.

Rufus Detweiler was about fifteen years of age when he came from Pennsylvania to this state with his parents and his schooling was completed here. He early began working on his own account and was thus engaged, at farm labor, until his marriage in 1896, when he rented the Carson farm, south of Urbana, and for seven years made his home there, a quarter-section farm, on which he did very well. He then bought the Clinton Black place of one hundred acres and after farming that place for a couple of years traded for the Samuel Black farm of ninety-two and one-half acres, on which he is now living. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Detweiler has increased his land holdings until now he is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-two and one-half acres, all of which is under cultivation and well improved. He has made numerous improvements on the place and has a fine looking place, well kept and up-to-date in its equipment. In addition to his general farming Mr. Detweiler has for years given considerable attention to the raising of high-grade hogs and annually feeds from eighty to ninety head, and has done very well in his operations. He is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

In 1896 Rufus Detweiler was united in marriage to Minnie Pearce, who was born in this county, daughter of Dr. A. B. and Ella (Shepard) Pearce, for years prominent residents of Kings Creek. Dr. A. B. Pearce was born in Goshen township, this county, son of Henry C. and Beulah (Barrett) Pearce, pioneers of that section of the county. He was born on October 8, 1836, and was graduated from the Urbana high school, after which he began teaching school and was for four years thus engaged. In the meantime he had been giving his leisure to the study of medicine and presently entered Sterling Medical College at Columbus, from which he was graduated in 1863. For fourteen years Doctor Pearce was engaged in the practice of his profession at Kings Creek and he then moved to Urbana, where he remained in practice for six years, at the end of which time he moved to Vincennes, Indiana, where he remained for six years. He then retired from practice and returned to this county, in 1891, and settled on his farm in Salem township, where he lived



five years and died at South Bend, Indiana, in 1911. On September 17, 1867, Doctor Pearce was united in marriage to Ella Shepard, who still survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Detweiler have four children, Helen, Beulah, Howard and Lawrence. They have a very pleasant home and take a proper interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in all good works thereabout.

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### FRANK CLEMENT BOWERS.

Frank Clement Bowers, of Urbana, deputy county treasurer, former superintendent of the Urbana township rural centralized schools, former justice of the peace in and for Jackson township, a member of the board of county school examiners, president of the Champaign County Teachers Association, past president of the Addison Pioneer Association, and for years one of the best-known and most influential teachers in Champaign county, is a native of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm one mile east of Christiansburg, in Jackson township, July 19, 1886, son of Andrew and Susan L. (Richeson) Bowers, both of whom also were born in the vicinity of Christiansburg and the latter of whom is still living.

Andrew Bowers was born on a pioneer farm in Jackson township in 1844, a son of Jacob and Susan (Zerkle) Bowers, natives of Pennsylvania, who became early residents of this county and spent their last days, substantial and influential residents of the Christiansburg neighborhood. On the home farm in Jackson township Andrew Bowers grew to manhood and in turn established his home there. He married Susan L. Richeson, who also was born in the vicinity of Christiansburg, in 1854, daughter of John J. and Martha (Deaton) Richeson, Virginians, who had settled in that neighborhood and had become substantial residents of the same. Andrew Bowers was a well-to-do farmer and for several years served as trustee of Jackson township, taking an active and helpful part in the general public affairs of his community. For more than thirty-two years he was an active member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and took a warm interest in Masonic affairs. He died at his home near Christiansburg in 1904 and his widow is still living there. They were the parents of three children, Harry L. Bowers, a wholesale shoe merchant at Cleveland, Ohio; one who died in infancy, and the subject of this biographical sketch.

Frank C. Bowers was reared on the home farm in Jackson township and was graduated from the Addison high school. His latter schooling has



been received in Wittenberg College at Springfield, where he has taken academic and collegiate work. When seventeen years of age Mr. Bowers began his career as a teacher, his first term of school having been taught in the Lutz district school in Mad River township, this county, in the winter of 1903-4. He then for three years was engaged in teaching district school in Jackson township and then was called back to Addison as a teacher in the grammar department of the schools of that place and served in that capacity for two years, at the end of which time he was promoted to the position of principal of the Addison high school and served in that capacity for a year. After that time Mr. Bowers became connected with the schools at Thackery and after a year in the grammar department there was promoted to the high school and for two years supervised the Jackson township schools. He then for three years served as superintendent of the Concord township schools and acting in that capacity established the centralized school in that township. He then was elected superintendent of the Urbana township rural centralized schools for a term of two years, but after serving for one year in that position resigned the same in order to accept the position of deputy county treasurer and in that capacity served during the incumbencies of W. W. Rock and L. B. Berry. Mr. Bowers is a holder of a life elementary-teacher's certificate. In 1915 he was appointed a member of the Champaign county board of school examiners and still holds that position. He is the present (1917) president of the Champaign County Teachers Association, in the affairs of which he for years has taken an active interest, and is also affiliated with the Central Ohio Teachers Association and with the Ohio State Teachers Association. He was the first president of the Addison Alumni Association and for three years served as president of the Addison Pioneers Association. Mr. Bowers is a Republican and in 1911-13 served as justice of the peace in and for Jackson township. During the time of the taking of the census of 1910 he served as enumerator for the Addison precinct, including Christiansburg.

On February 10, 1907, at St. Paris, by the Rev. J. W. Gibson, Frank Clement Bowers was united in marriage to Grace Mae Dibert, who also was born in this county, in the neighborhood of Terre Haute, November 5, 1885, daughter of Isaac and Jennie (Towler) Dibert, the former of whom, born on May 14, 1851, is still living, and the latter of whom, born on April 11, 1858, died on December 28, 1906. Isaac Dibert and wife were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Bowers was the third, the others being an infant who died in 1878; Minnie Estella, wife of Harry V. Jenkins, and Harry Emmet Dibert, telegraph operator at Thackery. Mr. and Mrs.

Bowers have one child, a daughter, Zelpha I., born on December 18, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers are members of the Christian church at Addison. He is a member of the men's Bible class of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Sunday school at Urbana and a singer in the choir of that church. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Harmony Lodge No. 8, at Urbana, and of the chapter at that place and in the latter is now serving as master of the first veil and in the former as junior steward. He also is a member of Social Lodge No. 139, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in 1908 served as noble grand of the same, and for some time was a member of Addison Encampment, Patriarchs Militant. He formerly was a member of the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Christiansburg and in 1904 was past councillor of the same, but demitted his membership when the lodge at that place was discontinued. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers have a very pleasant home at 610 South Main street, Urbana, and take a proper interest in the city's general social activities.

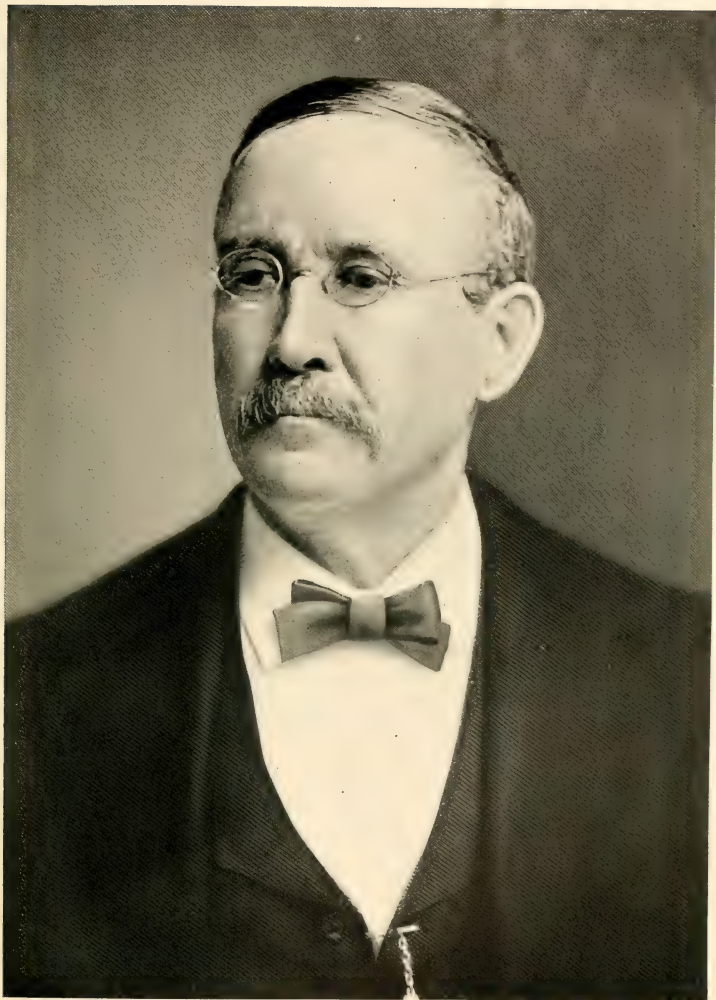
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#### WILLIAM WALLACE DOWNS.

The late William Wallace Downs, for years one of the best-known citizens of Urbana, an honored veteran of the Civil War, a retired farmer and saw-mill man, who also conducted a feed store in Urbana, in which city he died in the summer of 1912, was a native son of Ohio and lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm near Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark, October 20, 1846, son of William and Catherine (Sanders) Downs, the latter of whom was born in Concord township, this county.

William Downs was a substantial farmer and he and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Eliza, now deceased, who was the wife of Levi Williams, of Lima, this state; Samuel, who spent his last days in South Dakota; Emma, widow of Charles A. Taylor, of Urbana; Frank, a salesman, now living at Denver, Colorado; Harry, a hotel man, of New York City, and Elmer, who died at Urbana.

William W. Downs was reared on the home farm, going to school at the neighborhood school, and from the days of his boyhood was a valuable help in the work of the farm. Though but a boy when the Civil War broke out, his patriotic impulses were deeply stirred and he enlisted at Northville for service as a member of Company G, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Vol-



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unteer Infantry, with which command he served for three years and four months, a portion of which time was spent as a prisoner of war in Libby prison. During the latter part of that service he participated with his regiment in the Atlanta campaign and was with Sherman on the march thence to the sea. Upon receiving his final discharge at the close of the war Mr. Downs returned home and resumed the pursuits of peace on the farm, helping on the home place until after his marriage in the fall of 1874, when he began farming on his own hook on a part of the home place and not long afterward bought a farm of one hundred and thirty acres, which he proceeded to improve and to develop and on which he was quite successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until his retirement from the active labors of the farm in 1888 and removal to Urbana, where he spent the remainder of his life. Upon locating in Urbana Mr. Downs, in partnership with Charles O. Taylor, bought a saw-mill in that city and was engaged in the milling business for a number of years. He also conducted a feed store for some time. Mr. Downs was a Republican and ever took a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, but was not a seeker after public office. He was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and after his death at his home in Urbana, in June, 1912, his comrades of that patriotic organization accompanied his remains to their last resting place in Oakdale cemetery.

On September 24, 1874, William Wallace Downs was united in marriage to Tamzon H. Miller, who was born on a farm in Mad River township, this county, a daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Hill) Miller, the former of whom was born in the state of Virginia and the latter in Concord township, this county. Samuel Miller was but ten years of age when he came to this county with his parents from Virginia and he grew to manhood on a pioneer farm in Mad River township, later, after his marriage, establishing his home on a farm in that same township. He and his wife died in Concord township, having been influential and useful residents of that community. Mr. Miller was a Democrat and for years was looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in his section of the county. He died in 1878, at the age of sixty-nine years, and his widow survived him but two years, her death occurring in 1880, she also being sixty-nine years of age at the time of her death. They were earnest members of the Baptist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, of whom Mrs. Downs was the eighth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Joseph, who died in early youth; Amanda Jane, who married John M. Miles and after a sometime continued residence in this county moved

to Missouri; Mary Elizabeth, wife of Stephen J. Packer, of Concord township, this county; James Marion, who died in his youth; Mildred, who married Samuel J. Bosler and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; John, who died in the days of his childhood; Margaret S., wife of Llewellyn Miles, of Urbana, an honored veteran of the Civil War, who went to the front from his farm home in Concord township, when a boy of fifteen years, as a member of Company G. Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for more than three years, during which time he participated in the Atlanta campaign and was with Sherman to the sea. Upon completing his military service he returned home, completed his schooling and then engaged in school teaching, ever since making his home in Urbana; Samuel L., who died in infancy, and Samuel W., who also is now deceased.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Downs has continued to reside in Urbana, where she has a very comfortable home. She is a member of the Baptist church and has for many years taken an earnest interest in church affairs as well as in other local good works.

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#### WILLIAM A. McDANIEL.

Among the hard-working farmers of Salem township, Champaign county, is William A. McDaniel, who was born in West Virginia, April 5, 1868. He is a son of Presley and Malissa McDaniel, both natives of West Virginia, where they grew up, were married and established their home, spending their lives there on a farm. They have been deceased a number of years. Their family consisted of seven children, namely: E. E., C. A., A. J., H. C., W. A., Anna and Margaret.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood on the home farm in his native state and there he attended the neighborhood schools. When a young man he took up farming for himself for a short time, then began working in the mines and in 1897 took a position with the Consolidated Coal Company as a clerk in one of their mining stores at Enterprise, West Virginia, remaining there three years, then, having performed his duties promptly, faithfully and in a courteous manner, he was promoted to manager of one of the company's stores at Meadow Brook, and remained there three years, then took charge of a large store at Berryburg, which he managed six years. He was then transferred to Kentucky, locating near Vanlear, taking charge of the



company's stores in that vicinity, remaining there five years. During this protracted period he served his company ably and in a highly satisfactory manner. Upon severing his connection with the Consolidated Coal Company he came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating on the old Hooley farm, which he purchased a number of years ago. It consists of ninety-three acres and is well improved. He has just finished a fine new home and his out-buildings are in good repair. In connection with general farming he raises about one hundred and twenty-five head of a good grade of hogs for the market annually, also a small herd of cattle.

Mr. McDaniel was married in 1898, at Enterprize, West Virginia, to Emma Rittenhouse, a daughter of Justin and Margaret Rittenhouse, natives of West Virginia.

To Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel the following children were born: Zalpha, Robert, Joseph, Thomas, James.

Politically, Mr. McDaniel is a Republican. He belongs to the blue lodge of Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Kennard and has been steward of the same a number of times and is now a trustee.

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### SAMUEL WAYRE.

Another of the representative farmers of Salem township, Champaign county, who has been contented to spend his life in his native locality is Samuel Wayre, who was born on a farm three miles north of where he now lives on January 9, 1854. He is a son of John and Rebecca (Lantz) Wayre. The father was born in Hessel Darmstadt, Germany, and the mother was born in Mefflin county, Pennsylvania. John Wayre was a year old when his parents brought him to America, the family locating in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and there he grew to manhood and resided until 1851. After his marriage he came to Champaign county, renting land which he farmed until 1859, when he bought eighty acres, in Salem township. He followed farming there until about ten years prior to his death, when he retired from active life. He was born March 31, 1824, and died in 1905. His wife was born February 1, 1826, and died in 1905. He was among the first Mennonites to settle in Champaign county, and was the first ordained minister in the local church of this denomination, which is now the Oak

Grove Mennonite church. His family consisted of five children, namely: Samuel, Jonathan, Joseph, Solomon and Nattie.

Samuel Wayre grew up on the home farm and he received his education in the common schools. He engaged in farming with his father until he was twenty-six years old, then married and began farming for himself, renting land for four years, then bought ninety acres, which he operated two and one-half years, then sold out and bought seventy acres which he operated twelve years, then sold out and rented for six years, then bought the sixty-acre farm on which he now resides. It is all under cultivation and he and his son Edwin carry on general farming on the same. It is well improved and on it are to be seen two sets of buildings. They also rent sixty-five acres additional, which they operate. They raise all kinds of grain and live stock and feed about one hundred head of hogs annually for the market.

Mr. Wayre was married in 1880 to Emma Kauffman, a daughter of Chris Kauffman and wife, and to their union three children were born, namely: Maude, who married Harry Goode, has two children, Dorothy and Alice; Edwin married Lola Johnson; John is single and at this writing is attending college at Goshen, Indiana.

Mr. Wayre is an independent voter. He is a member of the Mennonite church, and has been deacon in the church since 1890.

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#### ELI PENCE.

Eli Pence, a farmer of Johnson township, Champaign county, was born two miles north of St. Paris, Ohio, January 20, 1842. He is a representative of one of the old families of this county, where he has spent practically all of his life of seventy-five years during which he has seen many important changes in a material way. He is a veteran of the Civil War in which he fought gallantly for the Union.

Mr. Pence is a son of Samuel and Mary A. (Howard) Pence, and a grandson of Daniel and Elizabeth Pence, who came to Champaign county from Virginia in early pioneer times, settling in Jackson township, where they carved a home from the wilderness and spent the rest of their lives. They were parents of the following children: Elizabeth, who married Jacob Kibbinger; Susan, who married David Gump; William, who married Zenella McDaniel; Amos, who married Clarinda Browning; Eli, who married Mary

Grove; Sarah, who married William Rusk; Samuel, father of the subject of this sketch.

Samuel Pence devoted his active life to farming in Champaign county. His family consisted of the following children: B. F. died in childhood; Isaiah was a soldier in the Civil War; Sarah J. married John Apple; Susan married Daniel Poorman; Elizabeth married Samuel Heck; Samuel, Jr., died when a boy.

Eli Pence spent his boyhood days on the home farm in Johnson township, and there he attended the rural schools, but only for a short time, in fact, he had little opportunity to obtain an education. On August 5, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he saw considerable hard service in the Fourth Army Corps, later being transferred to the Twenty-third Army Corps. He was in the Atlanta campaign and under General Sherman on his march to the sea. He was wounded in the right shoulder at the battle of Resaca, Georgia, and was away from his regiment three months thereafter, and he still carries the bullet. He rejoined his regiment at Nashville, Tennessee, and was under General Thomas until the close of the war. Although wounded he was never in the hospital. He was mustered out and honorably discharged in June, 1865. He had been a very faithful and loyal soldier according to his officers and comrades.

After his army career Mr. Pence returned to Champaign county and has since resided on a farm in Johnson township. He has lived on his present farm, five miles northwest of St. Paris, since 1867. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He is now living in retirement.

Mr. Pence was married on March 4, 1866, to Rachel Srofe, who was born on the farm where they now live, her parents being early settlers in Johnson township, and here she has spent her life. She is a daughter of George W. and Isabelle (Grimes) Srofe. Her maternal grandfather, Benjamin Grimes, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He lived to the advanced age of one hundred and thirteen years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pence six children have been born, named as follow: Orlando married Dora Apple and they live in Johnson township; William F. married Flora Hamilton; Samuel, now deceased, married Clara Maxin; Mary is the wife of Perry E. Apple; Emma E. is deceased; Mrs. Thursa Hobbins is deceased. There are six grandchildren.

Politically, Mr. Pence is a Democrat. He has served as school director and supervisor. He has been a member of the Baptist church at Mt. Pleasant since 1868, and is a deacon and trustee in the same, and at one time served

as treasurer, and was a member of the building committee. He has always been active in the church, in fact, has been one of the pillars of the same for nearly fifty years. For a period of eleven years he was treasurer of the Mad River Association.

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### EDWARD B. THOMAS.

Edward B. Thomas, a farmer of Salem township, Champaign county, was born November 25, 1875, in the locality where he still resides. He is a son of Ivan B. and Lucretia (Burnett) Thomas. The father was also born in the above-named township and county, but the mother was a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Ivan B. Thomas was born in 1832. He was a son of early pioneers in this section of the Buckeye state, and he grew to manhood here on the farm, amid pioneer conditions. He received a limited education in the early-day schools, and when a young man took up farming on his father's place, later starting in life for himself as a farmer here, buying forty acres. He was a man of rare industry and good judgment and, prospering with advancing years, he added to his original holdings until he became owner of six hundred acres of valuable land and ranked among the leading general farmers and stock raisers of his county. He also owned nine hundred and thirty-eight acres in the state of Florida. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and was also interested in the grain business. He, with two other men, William Gest and T. A. Cowgill, built the elevator at Kennard, which he later bought for himself and operated successfully for over forty years, in connection with farming. His father, John Thomas, came to Champaign county in 1809, locating in Salem township, where he developed a good farm and became one of the prominent men of the county in his day. He was one of the earliest settlers. The family of Ivan B. Thomas consisted of four children, namely: Edward B. of this sketch; Robert was next in order; Marie married L. E. Baldwin; Roy was the youngest. The father of these children died in 1912 at the age of eighty years. The mother, who was a school teacher in her younger years, died in 1908. She was a daughter of Edward Burnett and wife, who were natives of Connecticut. The parents of the subject of this sketch first met while she was teaching school at Kennard, Ohio.

Edward B. Thomas grew to manhood on the home farm in Salem township, and he attended the common schools. When a young man he began in the grain business, assisting in the management of the elevator at Kennard,

continuing successfully in that line for a period of fourteen years, then took up farming on his present place, which consists of ninety-five acres, in Salem township. He has a well-kept farm and is raising considerable grain which he feeds to large numbers of live stock annually.

Mr. Thomas was married in 1903 to Anna Wilkins, a daughter of Howard Wilkins, and to their union four children have been born, namely: Harold, Dorothy, Mildred and Ruth.

Politically, Mr. Thomas is a Republican. He was road supervisor for four years, and township assessor for fourteen years, and was for three and one-half years postmaster at Kennard, Ohio, until the rural free mail delivery was established.

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#### WILLIAM B. HILL.

William B. Hill, manager of the Furnas Ice Cream Company's establishment at St. Paris, is a native of the Hoosier state and has been a resident of St. Paris since 1913. He was born on a farm in the Westfield neighborhood, in Hamilton county, Indiana, December 4, 1873, a son of Henry B. and Lucinda H. (Bond) Hill, both also natives of Indiana, born in the neighborhood of Newcastle, in Henry county, where they grew up together and were married, later settling on a farm in the old Quaker settlement about Westfield, in Hamilton county, where they reared their family and spent the remainder of their lives, substantial and useful members of that community. Henry B. Hill was a practical farmer and became quite well-to-do. He was for years active in the work of farmers institutes in Hamilton and neighboring counties and did much to advance the movement toward better rural conditions in that part of the state. He was a Republican and, fraternally, was a member of the Knights of Honor. Henry B. Hill died at his home in Hamilton county on March 30, 1892, and his widow survived him for more than ten years, her death occurring on June 25, 1903. They were the parents of five children, of whom four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Charles Hill, of Indianapolis, a graduate of the old Union High Academy at Westfield; Alice, who was graduated from the same academy and married Charles Pruitt and now lives in Boone county, Indiana, and Robert J. Hill, who is now living at Columbus, Indiana, foreman of the plant of Hege & Company at that place.

Reared on a farm, William B. Hill received his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and remained on the farm until he

was fifteen years of age, when he turned his attention to mechanical work. In 1897 he engaged in the milk business at Westfield and in 1899 formed a connection with the Furnas Ice Cream Company and was agent for that concern's interests at Westfield until 1912. He then represented the company at Noblesville, Indiana, for about a year and in 1913 was made manager of the company's establishment at St. Paris and has ever since been thus engaged in that city, doing much to add to the popularity of the Furnas products there and throughout this part of the state. Mr. Hill is a Democrat and is now serving as a member of the St. Paris town council, helpful in all ways in promoting the general interests of his home town.

On February 14, 1898, William B. Hill was united in marriage to Clara E. Cook, of Hortonville, Indiana, who was born and reared in Hamilton county, that state, and is a graduate of the old Union High Academy, and to this union two sons have been born, Merrill E. and Harold H. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Friends church at Westfield. Fraternally, Mr. Hill is a member of Westfield Lodge No. 800, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in 1912 was a representative from that lodge to the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the state of Indiana.

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### JAMES SWISHER.

James Swisher, an honored veteran of the Civil War, former county surveyor of Champaign county, former city civil engineer of Urbana, a member of the state engineering corps, resident engineer on the Mechanicsburg pike, and one of the best known citizens of Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life with the exception of the period he spent in the army during the Civil War and a later period, during the days of his young manhood, spent in Mexico and the West, where for some years he followed an adventurous career and during which time he achieved the honor of having a county in Texas named after him. He was born on a farm a short distance south of Cable, in Wayne township, June 6, 1849, a son of Joseph and Mary (Hess) Swisher, well-to-do farming people of that neighborhood, whose last days were spent there.

Joseph Swisher was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1827, and was but a child when his parents, James H. Swisher and wife, came to this county in 1832 and settled on a pioneer farm in Wayne township, becoming influential and useful pioneers of that neighborhood.





JAMES SWISHER.



James H. Swisher was born on November 25, 1800, and grew up as a farmer in his native Pennsylvania, remaining there until he came with his family to this county, becoming one of the early settlers of Wayne township, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. On that pioneer farm Joseph Swisher grew to manhood, learning the practical ways of farming. He married Mary Hess, who was born at Martinsburg, Virginia, and who had come to this county with her parents in the days of her youth, and after his marriage established his home on a farm in Wayne township and there spent the rest of his life farming, his death occurring on May 28, 1889. He and his wife were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Perry, Elizabeth, Jane, Jacob and Warren.

Reared on the home farm in Wayne township, James Swisher received his education in the schools of that neighborhood and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He was a big, husky boy and the call to arms so fired his zeal for service in behalf of his country that before he was fourteen years of age he ran away from home and proceeded to Columbus, where he succeeded in having himself enrolled as a member of Company A, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Two days later his father appeared on the scene, having got trace of the runaway lad, and took him home. There he remained until in March, 1863, when he again made his way to a recruiting station and on the 23rd of that month, under the assumed name of James Jackson, enlisted as a private in Company E, Fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command achieved his desire to get to the front, serving with the same for two years and eleven months, or until after the close of the war, and was mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant, which rank he had borne during the last eleven months of his service, having steadily risen from the ranks. Mr. Swisher's command was attached to the Army of the Tennessee and with that army he saw some of the most active service of the war, having participated in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Chickamaugua, the Atlanta campaign and then on with Sherman's army to the sea, taking part in the reduction of Savannah and on up through the Carolinas, upon the cessation of hostilities being sent to Camp Dennison at Cincinnati, where he was mustered out.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Swisher, who was then under seventeen years of age, returned to the home farm and that same fall entered Delaware College, now known as Ohio Wesleyan University. After

a term of schooling there he taught a term of school in this county and then went to Mexico to join his uncle, Jacob Hess, who was engaged in mining there, but eleven months later was compelled to leave that country, the Mexican government having refused to renew his uncle's mining concession, thus closing the mines. Thus thrown out of employment, Mr. Swisher started with several others to walk to Stockton, California, fifteen hundred miles away. After an adventurous and perilous trip Mr. Swisher arrived at Stockton and after a brief stay there joined the rush for Carson City, Nevada, where he worked in a saw-mill for three years, at the end of which time he was appointed assistant surveyor under James E. Oliver, of the government survey, and was thus engaged for three years running lines throughout that part of the country. He then took service under United States Surveyor Wheeler and helped to lay out counties in Utah and Texas, one of the counties in northwestern Texas being named in his honor while he was thus engaged. The last census report gave Swisher county, Texas, a population of more than four thousand and since then it has developed rapidly; hence Mr. Swisher has no reason to feel other than proud of the distinction accorded his name by the pioneers who named the county in his honor. After six years of government service, in the surveying department, Mr. Swisher located in Bullion City, Utah, and was shortly afterward appointed surveyor of Piute county. Other civic honors were quickly thrust upon him and during the three years he lived there he served not only as county surveyor, but as county clerk, assistant county recorder and as assistant postmaster, a record of office-holding to make the average Ohio office-seeker turn green with envy.

Along in the early eighties Mr. Swisher began to permit his thoughts to turn back to the scenes of his childhood and he presently returned to this county, resuming the work here as a school teacher that had been interrupted years before by his departure for Mexico. For two years he taught school in Salem township and for three years in Wayne township. In the fall of 1886 Mr. Swisher was elected surveyor of Champaign county, taking office in the following January and serving until November 24, 1902, at the same time serving also as city engineer from 1889 to 1901. He was re-elected to the office of county surveyor and continued to serve in that capacity until September 4, 1911, later, being appointed resident engineer on the Mechanicsburg pike, as a member of the state engineering corps, a position he ever since has held, and in connection with which he has rendered admirable service, since his appointment to that corps having supervised the construction of seven or eight important bits of road work

throughout this district. Mr. Swisher is a Republican and has ever taken an active part in local political affairs. He has business interests in Urbana, was one of the organizers of the Urbana Packing Company, of which he is one of the directors, and is treasurer of that company.

On September 6, 1891, James Swisher was united in marriage to Ella G. Smith, daughter of John B. and Malinda (Wilson) Smith, he a native of Vermont and she being born at Marietta, Ohio. To this union three children have been born, Mark, who married Clara Loomis and is now engaged as an engineer in the maintenance of way department of the New York Central Railroad Company, between Cleveland and Toledo, and Mary and Ruth, who are at home with their parents. The Swishers are members of the Baptist church and Mr. Swisher is an office-bearer in the same. He is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and is now quarter-master of the post. Mr. Swisher is a thirty-second-degree Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the blue lodge at Urbana, the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Dayton, and with Syrian Temple of the Shrine at Cincinnati. He also is an Odd Fellow, a member of the Patriarchs Militant, affiliated with the subordinate lodge at Cable and with the encampment at Urbana. He likewise is affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and in the affairs of all of these fraternal organizations takes a warm interest.

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#### GRANT S. HUNT.

An enterprising and progressive farmer of Harrison township is Grant S. Hunt, living on his fine farm of eighty acres located in section 6 of this township on rural route No. 1 out of West Liberty, Ohio. Mr. Hunt is a native of the county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Adams township known as the old Woolley farm, where the Rosewood centralized school now stands, on July 23, 1865. He is a son of Isaac W. and Emmeline (Woolley) Hunt, the former a native of New York state, and the latter of Warren county, Ohio.

Isaac W. Hunt came from New York to Butler county, Ohio, when a mere boy, where his parents lived a number of years, later removing to Shelby county, Ohio, and from there to Adams township, Champaign county, near Rosewood, where the father's death occurred. The mother's death occurred

at the same place some years later. The Hunt family were of English descent, locating in New York state in an early day. Emmeline Woolley was a daughter of Tiley Woolley, who came from New Jersey to Warren county, Ohio, in an early day, later removing to Champaign county, and being among the pioneers of this part of the state. Both the Hunt and Woolley families are of good old Colonial stock, the Woolleys being of Quaker descent, while the Hunt history has been traced back many generations to one of the famous "Minute Men" of Revolutionary War fame in the battle of Lexington. After his marriage to Emmeline Woolley, Isaac W. Hunt and his wife lived on the Woolley farm in Adams township for a period of fifteen years, when they removed to a farm located just north of that in the same township, and lived on this farm the remainder of their lives, with the exception of five years which they spent in the village of DeGraff, Ohio. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are still living: Mrs. Nancy A. Street, of Quincy, Ohio; Mrs. Hannah A. Hines, living in Salem township, this county, and Grant S., of this review. By a previous marriage, Isaac W. Hunt was the father of three children, none of whom survive. The family were charter members of the Christian church at Careysville, Ohio. Isaac W. Hunt was a Republican in politics, having belonged to the old-time Whig party while it was in existence, afterward voting the Republican ticket, and always took an interested part in local public affairs. He was a member of the Masonic order, being identified with Quincy lodge.

Grant S. Hunt was reared to manhood on the farm in Adams township, receiving his education in the district school of his home neighborhood, afterwards graduating from the high school at DeGraff in 1884. He taught school from 1885-1891. He lived at home with his parents until his marriage, when he started to farm for himself, and has since been engaged in that occupation on the farm where he is now living, with the exception of two years, when he lived on a farm in Adams township.

On August 24, 1887, Grant S. Hunt was married to Hattie B. Craig, a daughter of India Craig, of Harrison township. Mrs. Hunt was born and reared on the farm where she now lives, and has lived here all her life with the exception of two years, 1887-89, when the family lived on a farm in Adams township. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are the parents of three children: Samuel C., a graduate of the West Liberty high school, married Ruth Post, of Salem township, Champaign county, Ohio; Samuel C. was a student for two years at Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio; John E., also a graduate of the West Liberty high school, is now a student in his third year in the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, where he is taking a course in mechanical



engineering; Laura M., the wife of Harry Harrington, living on the home farm. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wesley Chapel, in which church Mr. Hunt is serving as steward and trustee.

Politically, Mr. Hunt is a Republican, and takes a good citizen's interest in all public affairs, especially those pertaining to the welfare of his home community. He has served as a member of the township school board, and in the fall of 1914 was elected to fill the office of county commissioner. Fraternally, he is a member of Gauntlet Lodge, No. 322, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor commander; also a member of Mad River Lodge, No. 161, Free and Accepted Masons, at West Liberty, Ohio.

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### EDWARD CONNOLLY.

Edward Connolly, one of Salem township's well-known farmers and the proprietor of a well-kept farm of sixty acres there, the old Gest farm, was born in Allen township, Union county, and moved to Logan county, where he was reared, until 1909, when he came to this county, where he has established a very comfortable home. In addition to farming his own place he farms other land in that vicinity and is doing very well. His father, Thomas Connolly, is still living in Logan county, on his old home farm, at a ripe old age, the place being operated by two of his sons.

Thomas Connolly was born in Madison county, this state, a son of Edward Connolly and wife, the latter of whom was a Wilson, both natives of Ireland, who were married in this state and settled on a farm in the neighborhood of Marysville, in Union county, where they reared their family. They were the parents of ten children, Thomas, Edward, John, Benjamin, George, Mary Ann, Charlotte, Maria, Catherine, and Alice, all of whom lived to maturity. Thomas Connolly was reared in Union county and there married Martha Agnes Michael, who was born in Pennsylvania and who died in August, 1913, at the age of sixty-three years. Thomas Connolly was reared a farmer and has always been engaged in that vocation, for more than thirty years a resident of Monroe township, over in the neighboring county of Logan. To him and his wife were born four sons, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, Frank, who is at home; Harry, who is employed in the steam-shovel works at Marion, and Fred, who is assisting his brother, Frank, in operating the home farm.

Edward Connolly was reared on the farm and received his schooling in

the district schools. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the home farm and after his marriage at the age of twenty-three continued farming the home place for seven years, at the end of which time he became manager of the creamery at Mingo, Champaign county, and continued thus engaged for three years. Then he rented a farm in Salem township for six years, then bought his present farm in Salem township, where he since has made his home. Since taking possession of that place he has made extensive improvements on the place and now has a very well-equipped farm plant and is doing quite well.

On February 1, 1899, Edward Connolly was united in marriage to Adella May Adams, who was born in Putnam county, this state, and to this union three sons have been born, Merrill Edward, Clair Adams and Paul, the latter of whom died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Connolly are members of the Union Chapel Methodist Episcopal church in Logan county and take a proper part in church work as well as in other local good works. Mr. Connolly is a member of the local Grange at Kings Creek and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same. Politically, he is "independent," but is usually a Democrat.

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### WALTER S. WILSON.

Walter S. Wilson, farmer of Concord township, Champaign county, was born on the farm where he now lives, September 23, 1864. He has been contented to spend his life at home, rather than seeking uncertain fortune in some remote county or city. He is a son of John D. and Sarah D. (Forry) Wilson. The father was born on the same farm as his son, the subject of this sketch. He was a son of John Wilson, who came to Ohio, from Pennsylvania, entering the land from the government, where Walter S. Wilson now lives. He was one of the pioneer settlers here, and he carved out a home from the wilderness and spent the rest of his life here. His son, John D. Wilson, remained on the home place all his life. The latter kept the land well improved and was a successful general farmer. He was a Republican. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Spring Hill, in fact, was for many years an elder and a pillar in the same. He was always active in church affairs. His family consisted of four children, namely: Emma, deceased, was the wife of William Daniels of Harrison township, this county; Forry lives in Concord township; Walter S.,

of this sketch; Jennie, deceased, was the wife of James McCoskey, of Urbana.

Walter S. Wilson grew to manhood on the homestead. He attended the public schools in his district. He assisted with the work on the farm until his marriage on November 20, 1885, to Emma Abbott, a daughter of W. J. Abbott and wife, who formerly lived in Concord township, but are now residing in Urbana.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, namely: Marie is the wife of George Russell and they live in Harrison township, this county, and have three children, Lloyd Russell, Raymond and Ruth; Adrie is at home.

Mr. Wilson owns a well improved and well managed farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Concord township, near the line of Harrison township. In connection with general farming, he raises hogs on an extensive scale, preparing large numbers annually for the market, selling about two hundred head annually. He built the present barn and other improvements on the place.

Politically, he is a Republican. He and his wife belong to the Methodist church at Concord.

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#### E. E. ALLISON.

E. E. Allison, farmer of Concord township, Champaign county, was born in Mad River township, this county, February 8, 1874, on a farm near the village of Terre Haute. He is a son of N. J. and Sarah E. (Allen) Allison. The father was born also near Terre Haute, Ohio, on the old Allison homestead. His wife, Sarah E. Allen, was also a native of Mad River township. Their parents located in that locality in an early day and there they grew to maturity, attended the pioneer schools and were married. In 1878 the Allison family moved to Concord township, living on a farm there nine years, then moved to Urbana township, where they spent the rest of their lives, the mother dying on March 17, 1916. The father still lives in Urbana township. To N. J. Allison and wife eleven children were born, eight of whom survive at this writing, namely: Miles lives in Concord township; Elnora is the wife of Gus Malling, and they live in Urbana, Ohio; Mrs. Ida Fritz lives in Urbana; E. E., of this sketch; Mrs. Cecelia Jurkins lives in Urbana; Marion lives in Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. Rachael

Pence is deceased; Homer lives in Topeka, Kansas; William lives in Springfield, Ohio; Walter and Alma died in infancy.

E. E. Allison left home when a small boy and he grew to manhood in Mad River township, on a farm in the northern part of the township. He worked out both by the day and by the month, saving his earnings until he could get a start in life. On February 20, 1892, he married May Jenkins, a daughter of Isaac and Malinda Jenkins of Concord township, where she was reared on a farm and attended school.

After his marriage Mr. Allison continued to work out by the month for a period of eighteen years, being in the employ of A. Q. McBeth. In 1910 he purchased the farm on which he now resides, which place consisted of seventy-six acres. He has since added twelve acres, making him a farm of eighty-eight acres of excellent land, and here he is successfully engaging in general farming and stock raising. He has worked hard and persevered until he has finally come into possession of a good farm and a comfortable home, through his own efforts.

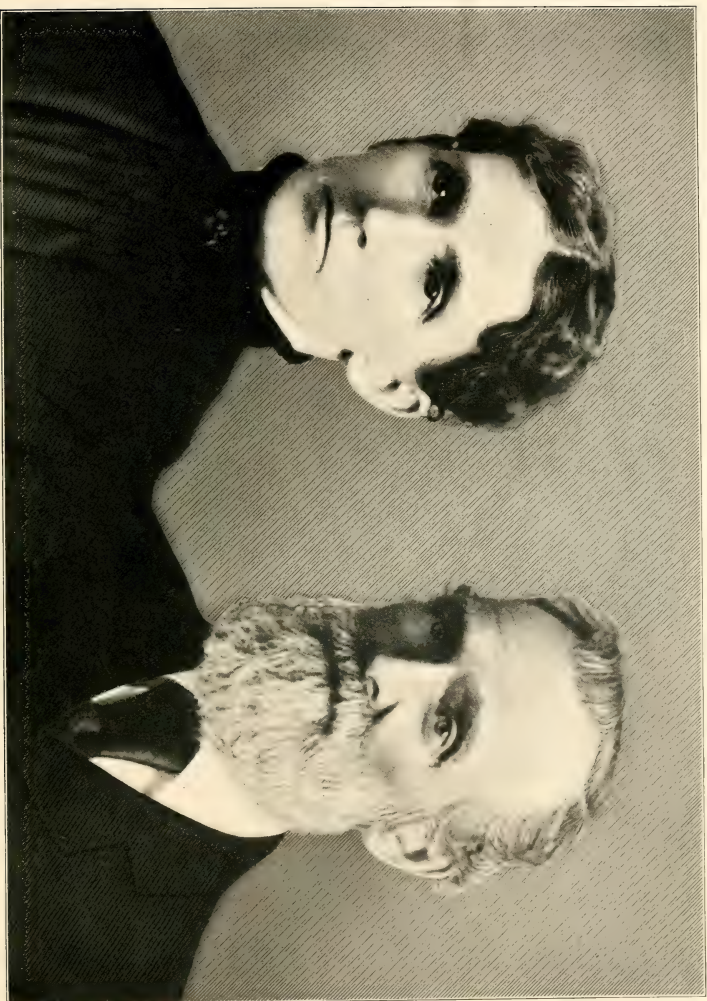
Politically, he is a Republican. He belongs to Garnet Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at West Liberty, Ohio.

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### JOHN POWELL.

The late John Powell, for years one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Salem township, whose widow is still living on the home farm there, was a native son of Champaign county and lived here all his life. He was born on a farm west of Urbana in 1823, a son of Timothy and Margaret (Taylor) Powell, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia, both of whom had come to this county with their respective parents in the days of their childhood, and whose last days were spent here.

Timothy Powell was a substantial farmer and in his day took an active part in local affairs. He was twice married. His first wife, Margaret Taylor, was a daughter of John and Catherine (Osborne) Taylor, who came to this county in 1804 with their family from Virginia and settled at what is now Kings Creek, where John Taylor established a grist- and saw-mill and tannery and also became a large landowner, one of the most influential pioneers of that part of the county. To that union were born nine children, John, Timothy, Benjamin, Samuel, Elijah, Madison, Sarah, Emory



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and Jane, all of whom are now dead. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Powell married Mrs. Eliza Bales, a widow, and also a native of Kentucky, and to that union two children were born, Charles, of Lima, Ohio, and Margaret, now Mrs. Nugent, of Toledo, Ohio.

John Powell was reared on the farm and received a common-school education. After his marriage, in the spring of 1862, he continued to live on the home place for a year, at the end of which time he moved to the Rose place, near Urbana, and some time afterward bought the place of one hundred and eight acres in Salem township on which he spent the rest of his life and where his widow is still living. He was a good farmer and did well in his farming operations, a steady, sturdy, home-loving citizen, who did well his part in the upbuilding of the community. Though a stanch Republican, ever taking a good citizen's part in local political affairs, he was not an office-seeker, preferring the comfort of his home to the more active affairs outside. He was an earnest member of the Kings Creek Methodist church, as is his widow, and was ever interested in local good works, helpful in promoting any agency designed to advance the common welfare. His death occurred in 1894, he then being seventy-one years old, and there was sincere mourning on the part of his many friends in this county.

On April 9, 1862, John Powell was united in marriage to Mary Jane Dawson, who was born in Wayne township, this county, March 20, 1839, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kidd) Dawson, natives of Virginia, who were born and reared in Berkeley county, now in West Virginia, where they were married, shortly afterward coming to Ohio and settling in this county. Upon coming here John Dawson and his wife first located in Wayne township, later moving to Salem township, where they lived on a farm for some time, later taking up their residence at Kings Creek, at which place they lived until their removal to a farm on Dungan road, later moving to Pretty Prairie. John Dawson was a farmer and teamster and met death in a runaway accident in 1858. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Powell, in 1883. She was a member of the Baptist church. John Dawson and wife were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Powell was the third in order of birth and the only one now living, the others having been William, who lived at Dayton; Samuel, who lived in Indiana; David, who lived in Urbana; Margaret, who also lived in Urbana, and John, who lived at Dayton.

To John and Mary Jane (Dawson) Powell were born two children, a son and a daughter, Grant, who died at the age of sixteen years, and Effie

May, who died at the age of eighteen years. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Powell has continued to reside on her farm, where she has a very comfortable home and where she is very pleasantly situated. She is a member of the Methodist church at Kings Creek and has ever taken an interested part in the various beneficences of that church, as well as in other neighborhood good works. Despite the fact that she is now nearing the eightieth milestone on the journey of life, she retains an active interest in current affairs. She has witnessed the development of her home county from the days of the pioneers and her memory of early events is clear and accurate, her reminiscences concerning events of the days now long gone being full of information most interesting to her young friends of the present generation.

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### JOHN H. ABBOTT.

John H. Abbot, farmer of Concord township, was born near where he now lives, June 26, 1863. He is a son of W. J. and Emily V. (Compton) Abbott. The father was born in Johnson township, Champaign county, Ohio, January 13, 1836, his parents being pioneer settlers in this locality. He grew upon the farm in his native township and after his marriage settled in Concord township, where he developed a good farm and made his home until 1911, when he retired from active life, moved to Urbana, where he has since resided. His wife died on February 11, 1917. They were parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy; those living are, Charles M., of Chicago; John H., of this sketch; Annie M., is the wife of Walter S. Wilson and they live in Concord township; Minnie is the wife of Dr. W. H. Hinkle of DeGraff, Ohio; Emma Maude is the wife of D. H. Taylor of Urbana, Ohio; Oma J., is the wife of Dr. C. E. Stadler, of Lima, Ohio; Mrs. Ora M. Barger lives in Urbana township, this county; and Chester P. makes his home in Concord township.

Politically, W. J. Abbott, father of the above named children, is a Republican and he has long been active and influential in local public affairs. He was formerly a member of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church, but now belongs to Grace Methodist Episcopal church in Urbana. His wife was also a member of these churches.

John H. Abbot was reared on the home farm in Concord township. He received his education in the district schools. He assisted his father with the work on the home farm until his marriage, which took place on

June 11, 1911, to Cleo V. Hanna, a daughter of William H. and Margaret Hanna, of Concord township, in which they were born, reared, educated, and in fact, have always made their home.

Mr. Abbott has devoted his life to general farming. He owns a well kept and productive farm of eighty acres five and one-half miles northwest of Urbana. He devotes a great deal of time and attention to raising and feeding hogs, preparing large numbers for the market annually. He handles an excellent grade of hogs. He also raises cattle and is now preparing to devote more attention to cattle raising in the future than formerly.

Politically, Mr. Abbott is a Republican and is more or less active in township politics. His wife is a member of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church.

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### JAMES A. BECK.

James A. Beck, a well-to-do farmer of St. Paris, Champaign county, owner of a compact farm of one hundred and five acres of prime land, was born seven miles south of St. Paris, Jackson township, on September 24, 1871. He is the son of James and Elizabeth (Smith) Beck, the former of whom was born in England in 1820 and the latter in the same country in 1833.

James Beck, the grandfather of James A., the subject of this sketch, came with his family to the United States from England. On the voyage across the Atlantic he was injured and died from the effects of his injuries in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His widow came with her two children to Springfield, Ohio, and after a short stay in that city she moved to Jackson township, Champaign county. Here James Beck, the father of James A., grew to manhood and some time later he was married to Elizabeth Smith, who was born in Yorkshire, England.

After his marriage James Beck settled on a farm of eighty acres in Jackson township, at that time having the sum of sixteen hundred dollars to his credit, and following his mother's death he bought out the interests of his sister, Prudence. He started his farming operations on the eighty-acre tract and as he prospered in his agricultural labors he increased his land holdings from time to time, until he finally acquired six hundred acres, thus becoming one of the largest and most substantial farmers of Jackson township. Apart from the value of his land he was worth in money about ninety-five thousand dollars. In addition to his farming operations, he also dealt in cattle and met with considerable success in that line. James Beck

was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and had always been active in public affairs. He served one term as assessor of Jackson township. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a liberal benefactor to its support and to the building of the church erected by the congregation. To James Beck and wife twelve children were born, seven of whom are living in 1917: Mary J., who married Ed Ontoon; Maria; Prudence, wife of Maxwell Stephens, of Jackson township; Charles R., of Jackson township; Anna, wife of William Jenkins; John W., of Jackson township, and James A.

James A. Beck was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools until he was nineteen years old. He remained working on his father's farm up to the age of twenty-three. On February 15, 1893, he was united in marriage to Millie Stone, who was born in Cumberland, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1874. She is the daughter of George and Emma (Arnold) Stone, both of whom came from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, to Champaign county. Mr. and Mrs. Beck are the parents of one child, a daughter, Mamie A., born on February 6, 1895, living with her parents. The Beck family are members of the Mewson chapel, Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Beck is one of the trustees and also active in the work of the Sunday school, and in the general affairs of the township he takes an earnest and prominent part, ever ready to help all good causes. He is a strong supporter of the Republican party, but has never been a seeker after public office.

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#### CLEMENT V. MILLER.

Clement V. Miller, who lives in Concord township, is one of the enterprising farmers of Champaign county. He was born near where he now lives, on what is known as the old John Miller place, which at that time belonged to John C. Miller, January 10, 1868. He is a son of John C. and Sarah (Idle) Miller. The father was born in Page county, Virginia. When twelve years old he left there, with his parents, the family removing to Champaign county, Ohio, locating on a farm in Concord township, being among the early pioneers here. They established their future home in the wilderness, cleared and developed a farm through long years of hard work. Here John C. Miller grew to manhood, on the home farm, and here he married Sarah Idle, who was born in Concord township, this county.

Her parents came from Virginia in an early day and located on a farm here, where she grew to womanhood. These parents attended the local rural schools of the early days. After their marriage they began house-keeping on his father's place. He continued to reside there the rest of his life. He kept the place well improved and well cultivated and was a successful general farmer, in fact, became one of the substantial citizens of his township. He accumulated about four hundred acres of good farming land and farmed on an extensive scale. He was always active in public affairs and one of the leading Democrats of his vicinity.

Eight children were born to John C. Miller and wife, namely: Clara A. is the wife of Charles M. Huntoon of Jackson county, Alabama; Mary Jane, married William Reed, both dead; Lizzie M., married Will Lecount, she deceased; Laura, dead, married Van Scott; Nettie, dead, married Alfred Poorman; William, deceased; Clement V., of this sketch, and May, deceased, married Elmer Magart.

Clement V. Miller grew to manhood on the home farm in Concord township and there he attended the common schools. He lived at home until his marriage, which occurred on December 26, 1890, to Mary Elizabeth Irvin, a daughter of Allen and Mary A. (Zimmerman) Irvin, he a native of Pennsylvania, and she of Concord township, Champaign county, Ohio. Allen Irvin's parents died when he was a little boy. He grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania and when grown came to Champaign county, Ohio, and worked as a farm hand in Concord township. Finally bought a farm of his own in the south part of the township, where he lived until his death. His wife's parents were Isaac and Delilah (Loudenback) Zimmerman, natives of Virginia and among the first settlers in Champaign county.

After his marriage Mr. Miller located on his present farm, which consists of one hundred and five acres in Concord township, on the Concord pike. He has made a number of important improvements on the place and is carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully. His first home was a half mile north of the road, but in 1912 they moved to their present home.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, namely: Lawrence, married Stella Pence and they live on a farm in Johnson township; Clara lives at home; John died when twelve years old; Ola and Fern are in school.

Politically, Mr. Miller is a Democrat, but he is inclined to vote independently in local affairs.

## LAWRENCE KOHLMEIER.

Lawrence Kohlmeier, a well-known and substantial retired retail dealer in meats, living at Urbana, which has been his place of residence since the year 1873, is of European birth, a native of the kingdom of Bavaria, but has been a resident of this country since he was sixteen years of age. He was born on June 3, 1853, son of Anton and Eva (Nagle) Kohlmeier, also natives of Bavaria, the former a cooper by trade, who spent all their lives in their native country and who were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch, the last-born, and his sister, Elizabeth, the first-born, were the only ones to come to this country, the others, Dora, Kate and John, remaining in their native land. Elizabeth Kohlmeier came to the United States in 1853 and located at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, where she married John Gehring.

Upon completing the elementary course in the schools of his native Bavaria, Lawrence Kohlmeier was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker and spent three years, without wages, learning that trade. When seventeen years of age, in 1869, he came to this country and proceeded on to Ohio, locating at Piqua, where he obtained employment in a butcher shop. There in the spring of 1873 he married and in that same year moved to Piqua, where he became employed in the retail meat establishment of Happersett & Hovey, remaining thus connected for ten years and five months, at the end of which time he opened a retail meat shop of his own in South Main street, that city. Mr. Kohlmeier in the meantime had become an expert in his line and his venture into business on his own account was a success from the very start. Upon beginning business he killed all of his own meat, but later used cold-storage meat and his place always made a point of supplying the best the market could afford. During his long connection with the meat trade in Urbana Mr. Kohlmeier occupied several different stands in South Main street and remained in business until 1915, when he retired, turning the business over to his sons, and is now taking things "easy." Mr. Kohlmeier came to this country, a poor boy in a strange land, and by habits of thrift and industry, together with good management, succeeded in building up a profitable business, earning a competence upon which he is able to retire from active labor in the pleasant "evening time" of his life.

It was in April, 1873, at Piqua, this state, that Lawrence Kohlmeier was united in marriage to Caroline Mattmiller, also of European birth, born in the grand duchy of Baden on July 4, 1848, daughter of George and Theresa (Klein) Wagarnd, natives of Baden, the former a stone-cutter by trade, who spent their lives in their native land. Mrs. Kohlmeier had a sister, Josephine,



who also came to this country and who married Frank Bergemeier, but who, as well as her husband, is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kohlmeier have four children, namely: Bertha, who married Edward Galloway, of Springfield, this state, and has four children, Nina, Lawrence, Dwight and Lucile; Otto, a retired meat dealer, of Urbana, who married Marie Dahill and has one child, a daughter, Marcella, and William and Anna, twins, the former of whom, a meat dealer at Urbana, married Amelia C. Burk, and the latter of whom married Bert LeNear, of Springfield, and died, leaving one child, a son, Harold Lawrence, who has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Kohlmeier, the lad's grandparents. The Kohlmeiers are members of St. Mary's Catholic church at Urbana and have ever given proper attention to parish affairs and to other community good works, helpful in advancing all worthy causes in their home town.

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### CHRISTIAN H. BYLER.

The old Keystone state has furnished many good farmers for Champaign county, among whom may be mentioned Christian H. Byler, of Salem township. He was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1855. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Hartzler) Byler, both natives of Mifflin county, where they grew up and were married, and there they devoted their lives to agricultural pursuits, dying on their farm there many years ago, the father in 1866 at an early age, the mother in 1915, age eighty-nine years. To these parents seven children were born, namely: Eli, Joseph, Eri, Christian, Mary, Hannah and John. The subject of this sketch is the only member of the family now living in Champaign county. He grew up on the home farm in his native state, where he worked with his father when a boy, and he attended the district schools during the winter months, but only for a few years. He worked on farms by the month after his father's death in 1866 in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, when a young man, remaining there until 1876, when he came to Champaign county and worked out as a farm hand until 1881, when he went to Missouri and worked in that state a few years, then went to Kansas, where he farmed rented land for five years, after which he returned to Missouri and continued farming there until 1897, in which year he returned to Champaign county, Ohio, and took up farming in Salem township on the place where he is now living, which he first rented, later purchasing it, buying only forty acres at first, but he has added to the same until he now has one hundred and eleven acres, which is all under culti-

vation, and he carries on general farming and stock raising. He has a good dwelling, a fifty-five ton silo and convenient outbuildings.

Mr. Byler was married in 1887 to Sadie Zook, who was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, but she went West with her parents when young. She attended the common schools. She is a daughter of David J. and Lydia Zook, who spent their earlier years in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, later moving from that county to Kansas, but they did not remain long in the latter state, returning to Pennsylvania soon after the marriage of their daughter Sadie to Mr. Byler, and they spent the rest of their lives in the Keystone state, dying there some time ago.

Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Byler, namely: Oliver, who married Rosa Stoltzfus; Maude, John (died age three years), Mayme, Nellie, Paul, Mark, Earl, Milford, and Mildred.

The subject of this sketch is a well-known and popular minister in the Mennonite church and preaches regularly in the church of this denomination at West Liberty, Ohio. He was ordained in the year 1899 at West Liberty, Ohio. He is well versed in the scriptures, besides being a well-read man generally, and is an earnest, forceful and interesting speaker and he has greatly strengthened the church of which he is pastor.

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### JACOB H. SNARR.

Jacob H. Snarr, farmer, of Concord township, was born in Hardy county, West Virginia, June 18, 1862. He is a son of Philip H. and Elizabeth (Keller) Snarr, both natives of Shenandoah county, Virginia, the former, of German parentage and the latter, of English. They grew to maturity in Shenandoah county and were married there, later removing to what is now Hardy county, West Virginia, where they spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of nine children, named as follows: James L. lives in Hampshire county, West Virginia; John W. lives in Hardy county, that state; Jacob H., of this sketch; Calvin died in infancy; Alice, who remained unmarried, died in Hardy county, West Virginia, in October, 1915; Martin S. lives in Champaign county, Ohio; Minnie B. is the wife of Charles Robinson, of Hampshire county, West Virginia; Annie C. lives in Hardy county, that state; and Mary E., who married A. W. Russell, of Concord township, Champaign county.

Jacob H. Snarr grew to manhood in his native county and there he



MR. AND MRS. JACOB H. SNARR



attended the public schools. When a young man he went to Shenandoah county, Virginia, where he spent three years, working for an uncle. In 1884, when twenty-one years old, he came to Champaign county, locating in Concord township, where he hired out to H. P. Wilson, remaining in his employ five years. On January 9, 1889, he married Mary C. Packer, a daughter of Stephen J. and Mary E. (Miller) Packer. After his marriage he rented the farm he now owns, for fifteen years, then his wife inherited part and he bought the rest of it. He has since lived here and has made a very comfortable living as a general farmer. His place consists of seventy-six acres. He also owns forty-five acres in another part of Concord township. He has placed modern improvements on his land and has a cosy home.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Snarr, namely: Mary E., the wife of Clinton Hanger; Helen is the wife of Waldo Zerkel; Dorothy and Donald, twins, are both in school.

Politically, Mr. Snarr is a Democrat and served as township trustee and as assessor. He was a member of the township board of education until in January, 1916, having been a member of the same for a period of twenty years. He is now (June, 1917) president of the county board of education. He takes a great interest in local educational affairs and has done much toward giving the county better schools. As a public servant he has discharged his duties in an able, faithful and highly commendable manner. He and his wife are members of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church. He is a steward in the church and has been superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. He is a useful and highly esteemed citizen in his home locality, where he is well known.

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#### CHARLES L. CAREY.

Charles L. Carey, a farmer living in Harrison township, near West Liberty, Ohio, was born just west of his present home, August 26, 1864. He is a son of Jacob and Mary J. (Sill) Carey. The father was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1813, and the mother was born in Cumberland county, Maryland, on February 11, 1823. They grew to maturity and were married on February 10, 1842, in Gettysburg, Adams county, Pennsylvania, and shortly thereafter removed to Champaign county, Ohio, migrating in a wagon, locating in Concord township in 1853, renting land there for a few years, then moved to Harrison township and bought

the home place of eighty acres on which they spent the rest of their lives, her death occurring on May 23, 1908, aged eighty-five; he died April 28, 1903, aged eighty-nine years. They were parents of twelve children, all surviving but two in 1917, namely: Emeline is the widow of Thomas Hunter and she lives in Harrison township; Daniel S. also lives in Harrison township; John is deceased; Eliza is the wife of Dennis Gray and they live in Missouri; Ellen is the widow of William Danner and she lives at West Liberty, Ohio; Alice C., widow of William Wren, lives in Michigan; Jacob E. is farming in Liberty township, Logan county; James W. lives in Concord township, this county; B. L. lives in Harrison township, Champaign county; Charles L., subject of this sketch; Mattie is the widow of Doctor Crampton of Shawnee, Oklahoma; one child died in infancy.

Jacob Carey, the father, was a Democrat. He and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, but late in life they transferred their church letters to the Glady Creek Christian church.

Charles L. Carey grew to manhood on the home farm in Harrison township and he was educated in the district schools. After his graduation from the common schools he continued to work on the home farm until he was nineteen years old; then began working at the carpenter's trade, but remained at home. He was married on January 3, 1903, to Amanda Louise Carr, who was born February 9, 1864, in Missouri. She was a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Hoffman) Carr, who were farmers in Logan county, Ohio, both now long deceased.

Mr. Carey became a highly skilled workman and his services as a carpenter were in good demand. He has continued his trade in connection with farming. He owns thirty-eight acres in Harrison township, two miles west of West Liberty, to which place he moved on January 13, 1913. He has lived in this township and at Spring Hill ever since his marriage.

Politically, Mr. Carey is a Democrat. He has served as township clerk for eleven years and as road superintendent for the past four years. He was clerk of the board of education for three years. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Lodge No. 110, also to the True Knights of Bethel, Post of the Noble Chief at West Liberty. He is also a member of Tecumseh Tribe No. 70, Improved Order of Red Men at West Liberty, of which he is past sachem. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church at Salem, Harrison township. For thirty-five years he operated a threshing machine and is well known in that capacity. Mr. Carey is influential in fraternal and other circles in his community, and is always ready to help in movements for the general good.



## IVAN CLEM.

A farmer of progressive ideas is Ivan Clem of Salem township, Champaign county, in which township he was born, October 17, 1883. He is a son of David and Romelia (Peery) Clem, the father a native of this county and the mother a native of Virginia. David Clem was born in Johnson township, September 30, 1836. He and his wife are both of German descent. His great-grandfather emigrated from Germany to America the latter part of the seventeenth century. He was the father of David Clem, the grandfather of David Clem, father of the subject of this sketch. Isaac Clem was the father of David Clem, father of Ivan Clem. Isaac Clem came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1829, among the earliest pioneers, and located on land in Johnson township where, by hard work and close application he developed a farm from the wilderness. He continued to reside here until in 1853, when he sold out and bought a place west of St. Paris on which he spent the rest of his life. He married Rebecca Crabill, a native of Virginia.

David Clem, father of the subject of this sketch, received his education in the early-day schools of Johnson township. After leaving school he worked out by the month for some time, then learned the shoemaker's trade in St. Paris, Ohio, at which he worked for about six years, then bought a farm in Johnson township, near Millerstown, where he lived about nine years, then bought one hundred acres in Johnson and Adams townships which he farmed for four years, then sold out and moved to Caldwell county, Missouri. He later bought a farm in Daviess county, that state, but after remaining there only a short time, sold out and returned to Champaign county, Ohio, buying one hundred and thirty-five acres in Urbana township, which he operated five years, then moved to Salem township and bought three hundred acres, where he farmed on an extensive scale until he retired from active life, moving to Urbana where he has since made his home. He was very successful in a business way and at one time owned over one thousand acres of valuable land. He started out as a poor boy and forged to the front unaided and through his own perseverance and good management. In 1876 he married Romelia Peery, a daughter of George and Margaret (Hensley) Peery, and to their union six children were born, namely: Joseph, Samuel, Pearl, Ivan, Blanche and Grace, who died in infancy.

Ivan Clem grew up on the home farm where he worked hard when a boy, and he received his education in the public schools of Salem township, mostly at the Lippincott school. After leaving school he took up farming with his father with whom he remained until his marriage, then rented a farm in Con-

cord township, but a year later moved to the farm where he is now residing and where he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, owning a productive and well improved place of two hundred acres. There is no more up-to-date farmer in his township.

Ivan Clem was married, June 2, 1912, to Madrid Bates, a daughter of Theodore and Clara Bates, and to their union two children have been born—Beatrice and Ruby. Politically, he is a Democrat.

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### JUDSON JENKINS.

Judson Jenkins, the owner and proprietor of a garage at Thackery, Ohio, is a native of this county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Jackson township, January 15, 1879. He is a son of John and Martha (Furrow) Jenkins, the former of whom was a native of Clark county, Ohio, and the latter of Champaign county.

John Jenkins was born on a farm in Pike township, Clark county, Ohio, his parents being of old Virginia stock, who came as pioneers to Clark county, Ohio, in an early day. Martha Furrow was born in Jackson township, this county, but moved with her parents to Clark county as a young girl, where she met and married John Jenkins. After their marriage they located on a farm in Pike township, that county, and lived there three years, after which they came to Jackson township, this county, locating on a farm north of Christiansburg, where they lived a number of years, after which they moved to the city of Piqua, where they lived for eight years, when they returned to their farm in Pike township, Clark county, where they now reside. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom grew to maturity: Alice, the wife of Arch McKinney, of Piqua, Ohio; Frank, who died in January, 1916; Effie, the wife of Charles Berkshire, of Piqua, Ohio; Oscar, of Piqua; Judson, of this review, and Elva, the wife of Guy Shipley, a farmer of Pike township, Clark county. The family are members of the Emanuel Reformed church, in which they take an active interest. John Jenkins is a Democrat in politics, and while interested in public affairs, yet takes no active part in political matters. Fraternally, he is identified with the township grange.

Judson Jenkins was reared on the farm in Jackson township, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood. He continued to live at home until his marriage, assisting his father with the farm work. Upon starting out in life for himself, he decided to leave the farm, and engaged

in the grocery business for two years in Pike township, Clark county, Ohio, after which he farmed for two years in that county, when he came to Thackery, this county, where he was employed in an implement store for three years, after which he engaged in the implement business for himself for three years, when he disposed of this business and opened a garage, which he has been very successfully conducting for the past two years.

On August 20, 1907, Judson Jenkins was married to Julia Shell, the daughter of Frederick and Rosie Miller, of this county, and to this union four children have been born, Harold M., Martha E., Thelma and Lois R., the two eldest being now in school. Mrs. Jenkins is a member of the Lutheran church in Thackery, and takes an active part in church and Sunday school work. Mr. Jenkins is a member of Lodge No. 878, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which organization he takes a warm interest, and is past noble grand of the local lodge. Like his father, he is a Democrat in politics.

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### JACOB S. HILL.

One of the leading farmers of Mad River township, this county, is Jacob S. Hill, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm located on the Urbana and Northampton pike, one-half mile southwest of Terre Haute, Ohio. He is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Shaffer) Hill, and was born on October 4, 1874.

Jacob Hill was born in Donnelsville, Clark county, Ohio, in 1831, the son of Jacob and Nellie (Robinson) Hill, both of whom were born during Washington's administration as president of the United States, the latter born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Jacob Hill, Sr., came to Cincinnati, Ohio, from LuBeck, West Virginia, where he was born and reared, in 1820, and from there came on to Clark county, Ohio, and still later to Champaign county, locating in Mad River township on a farm located on the Valley pike, where he lived until 1847, when he moved to Allen county, where his death occurred. This family of Hills are descended from a son of the Irish aristocracy, who was shipped to Massachusetts from his native land and sold there for his passage to America during the Revolutionary War. Catherine Shaffer, the mother of our subject, was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, and came as a young girl with her father, Solomon Shaffer, to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1832, locating in Mad River township, on a farm near where the village of Terre Haute now stands. Jacob Hill and Catherine Shaffer were married in 1873, locating at once on the farm where their son, J. S., now lives, and on

this place Jacob Hill's death occurred in 1911. His widow still survives him, making her home with her son, the subject of this brief review, who was the only child of his parents. Jacob Hill was a good man in all senses of that term, and highly respected in his community, a Republican in politics, but never a partisan, being liberal in his view of men and affairs. He was a member of the famous "Squirrel Hunters" band, who did splendid service in going after the noted Morgan raiders in 1864.

Jacob S. Hill was reared on the home farm, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood. After reaching manhood, he married and decided to make farming his life work, settling at once on the old home farm, where he has since lived. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and ranks among the progressive and enterprising farmers of his township.

On December 28, 1899, J. S. Hill was united in marriage to Ursula Kreitzer, a daughter of Samuel and Hannah Kreitzer, residents of Kansas, and to this union four children have been born: Ralph L., a graduate of the Terre Haute high school in 1917; Mildred B., now a student in the first year of high school; Kathryn, attending school at Terre Haute, in the sixth grade, and Wayne Theodore. Mrs. Hill is an earnest and consistent member of the German Baptist Brethren church, and actively interested in church and Sunday school work.

Like his father before him, Mr. Hill is a Republican in politics, but is not active in political affairs, although always warmly supporting all public measures having for their object the betterment of his community.

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#### EDWIN M. BAKER.

Edwin M. Baker, one of the most progressive farmers of Concord township, Champaign county, was born in Madison county, Ohio, October 16, 1852. He is a son of Peter and Martha Ann (Johnson) Baker. The father was also a native of Madison county, this state. He was a son of Peter Baker, Sr., who was probably of German birth, as was also his wife. They both came from Germany to Virginia, and later made the overland journey to Madison county, Ohio, in an early day. Four Baker brothers immigrated to the United States at the time of the French revolution. In 1856 Peter Baker, Jr., who had grown to manhood and married in Madison county, moved to Champaign county, locating on a farm in

Concord township, buying the farm where the subject of this sketch now lives, and where the old home still stands, and here Peter Baker, Jr., and wife spent the rest of their lives, with the exception of a few years in Urbana. He was one of the successful farmers and stockmen of his day in this township. He was a strong Republican and in later years was an ardent advocate of prohibition. He was very religious and always practiced family worship. He and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, holding their membership at Neer's Chapel, in Concord township. Their family consisted of eight children, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Emily Jane is now deceased; Anna P., widow of Charles Harbour and lives in Quincy, Ohio; Wilson M. makes his home in Urbana, this county; Mary M. is the wife of Harrison Craig of Urbana; John is farming in Concord township; and Edwin M., of this sketch.

Edwin M. Baker was reared on the home farm in Concord township, and educated in the district schools there and the high school at Urbana, then studied one year in Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He then began teaching, which he continued with much success for a period of seven years in Urbana, Adams and Concord townships, Champaign county, being regarded as one of the leading instructors in the public schools of this county and he gave eminent satisfaction to both pupils and patrons everywhere. He continued to live at home until his marriage on September 2, 1874, to Lucinda Pence, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah Pence. After his marriage he continued to teach for awhile, then went to college at Delaware, Ohio, one year, after which he located on the home farm in Concord township, where he has since resided. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, farming on an extensive scale and employing modern methods. He owns one hundred and fifty-five acres in the home place, also two hundred and forty acres in another farm in Concord township and eighty-eight acres in Harrison township. His land is all well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. He has a modernly appointed home and everything about his place denotes good management and prosperity. He raises large numbers of cattle and hogs annually, which he fattens for the market, feeding most of the grain he raises.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baker five children have been born, namely: Laura May, widow of Harry Howard, lives at home; Leonard Watson and John C. are farming in partnership in Concord township; Clarence C. and Paul E. are living at home.

Politically, Mr. Baker is independent, but he is an ardent advocate of

prohibition, and was one of the first in Concord township to cast his vote for temperance. He is an active member of the Neer's Chapel, Methodist Episcopal church, in fact, has long been regarded as one of the pillars of the same. His family also belong to this church.

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### JOHN H. HAMMON.

John H. Hammon, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a well-known and substantial farmer of Champaign county, now living retired at his pleasant farm home in Salem township, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Wayne township on October 24, 1838, son of John and Mary Ann (Pickern) Hammon, both of whom were born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they grew up and were married, later becoming pioneers of this county, settling in Wayne township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. John Hammon was a shoemaker and followed that vocation all his life. He died in 1874, then being sixty-nine years of age. His wife died in 1869, at the age of seventy-nine. They were members of the Baptist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Rachel, deceased, who was the wife of John Thackery; James, who went to Illinois, thence to California and thence to Australia, where his family lost trace of him; Martha, who married Thomas Harris and lived in the neighboring counties of Clark and Logan; Elizabeth, who married Jesse Williams and lived in this county and in the neighboring county of Union; Richard, who married Jessie Audry and lived at various places; Matilda, who married George Eastwood, of Clark county; Mary, unmarried, who has always made her home with her brother, John, and Edward, who was a soldier during the Civil War, a member of the First Ohio Battery, and died at Baltimore.

Reared in Wayne township, John H. Hammon received a limited schooling there, having to walk a mile through the woods to the neighborhood school house. He remained with his parents, as did his sister, Mary, until their death and since then the brother and sister have kept house together. On August 11, 1862, John H. Hammon enlisted for service in the Union army, a member of Company H, Forty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Urbana, and with that command was sent to Lexington,



Kentucky, where the winter was spent, the command later joining the Fourth Army Corps at Danville, in that same state. For the first year of its service this command was mounted. Mr. Hammon served all through the Atlanta campaign and was in numerous battles and skirmishes. For some time during his service he was quite ill, but always stayed with his company and did service. He received his discharge on June 12, 1865, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Hammon returned home and took up farming in Wayne township, making his home there until 1901, when he bought his present farm of one hundred two and one-half acres in Salem township, the same being known as the J. H. Yoder place, where he and his sister have since lived and where they are very pleasantly situated. Since 1913 Mr. Hammon has been living practically retired from the labors of the farm, though he continues to give some supervisory attention to the place. He is a stanch Republican and he and his sister are members of the Kings Creek Baptist church, in the various benefices of which they take a warm interest.

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#### WILLIAM D. BAKER.

A prominent farmer of Jackson township, this county is William D. Baker, living on his fine farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in section 3, on rural route No. 3, out of St. Paris. Mr. Baker was born in this township, on the farm now owned by his brother, H. O. Baker, on January 6, 1863, the son of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Bowers) Baker, both of whom were natives also of the Buckeye state.

Obadiah Baker was born in Clark county, Ohio, on a farm, in 1833, the son of John and Barbara (Friemood) Baker. John Baker was a native of Virginia, coming with his parents to Clark county, Ohio, when he was a lad of eighteen years. The family located on a farm in German township, that county, and here the elder Bakers lived the remainder of their lives. Barbara Friemood was also a native of Virginia, coming with her parents when but a small child to Clark county, Ohio. Obadiah Baker grew to manhood on his father's farm in Clark county, and came as a young man to Jackson township, this county, where he met and married Elizabeth Bower, who was born and reared in Jackson township, her parents living on the farm now owned by John Hook. Her parents were natives of Virginia, and were among the pioneer settlers of this section. After his mar-

riage, Obadiah Baker and his wife settled on a farm of eighty acres which he received from his father, and here they lived the remainder of their lives, his death occurring in 1885, when he was a comparatively young man, his widow surviving him a number of years, passing away in 1906. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are now living: Jasper, who died in infancy; William D., the immediate subject of this review; Alma, the wife of J. C. Richeson, a business man of Addison, Ohio; Jacob, a resident of Mad River township; Sarah, the wife of Charles Pence, of Miami county, Ohio; Irving, of Christiansburg, this county, and Harry O., a farmer of Jackson township. The family were members of the Lutheran church, and Obadiah Baker was prominent and influential in church affairs in his community. He was a Democrat in politics.

William D. Baker was reared to the life of a farmer on the old home place, receiving his education in the district schools of his township, although his opportunities for schooling were limited, owing to his father's early death, and William, being the eldest child living, very early in life assumed the responsibilities incident to the management of the farm work. He started out in life for himself after his marriage by locating on a small farm close to the homestead place, where he lived for two years. He then moved to Rosewood, in Adams township, locating on a farm of two hundred and forty acres, where he remained until 1897, when he purchased seventy-nine acres of land where he is now living, and moved to this place, where he has since resided. Mr. Baker is a successful and up-to-date farmer, and besides raising all the crops common to this section of the state, he is also engaged in buying and feeding cattle for the markets, and also raises full blooded hogs, making a specialty of the Spotted Poland China variety. He has gradually added to his holdings until he is now the owner of one hundred and seventy-five acres of fine farming land, all of which has been made by the untiring efforts of himself and wife, who has been a true helpmate to him in every sense of the term.

On August 24, 1889, William D. Baker was married to Rosetta Ballentine, the daughter of William and Mary (Clark) Ballentine, who were residents of Clark county, Ohio. To this union nine children have been born: Cora May, the wife of Delbert C. Davidson, of Clark county; Clement C., a farmer of Jackson township, this county; Charles A., of Springfield, Ohio; Mary E., wife of Walter C. Wiant, a farmer of this township; Delbert C., at home; Eva L. A. J., Pauline M. and Maynard C., the last four named being students in the district schools of the township. The family are all earnest and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal

church at Grafton, and take an active interest in the affairs of the local congregation, Mr. Baker now serving as president of the board of trustees. Mrs. Baker's parents lived on a farm in German township, Clark county, Ohio, where her father was born and reared, while her mother was a native of Randolph county, Indiana. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom are living: John W., of Springfield, Ohio; Emma, the wife of Moses Overholser, of Clark county; Rosetta, the wife of Mr. Baker; Marietta, the wife of D. C. Snyder, of Springfield; C. S., a farmer of Mad River township, this county; T. H., living in Clark county; Clifford, of Springfield; Albertus, of Clark county, and Alpha, a resident of Clark county.

Mr. Baker is a Democrat in politics, and is actively interested in the civic welfare of his community, having served his township as supervisor for a number of years. He is a member of Lodge No. 344, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at St. Paris, and interested in the work of this fraternal organization.

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### GEORGE W. PENCE.

George W. Pence, a well-known and substantial farmer of Concord township, living on his son's farm of eighty acres located four miles east of Millerstown, on rural route No. 9, out of Urbana, is a life-long resident of this county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Concord township, known as the Joe Pence farm, on August 16, 1844. He is a son of G. W. and Mary (Barger) Pence, both of whom were natives of Virginia.

G. W. Pence was born on a farm in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, and came as a lad with his parents to Ohio, the family being among the early pioneers of this county. Mary Barger was also a native of the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, who came with her parents in an early day to Ohio. The Pence family and the Barger family settled on adjoining farms in Concord township, and the children were all brought up together. Each of these families consisted of a large number of children, who all grew to manhood and womanhood, being among the sturdy pioneers of this part of the county. After the marriage of G. W. Pence and Mary Barger, they settled first on the old Pence homestead with the former's father, whose wife had previously died, and where they lived for some time, looking after the management of the home farm. In 1854, G. W.

and his family went to Allen county, Indiana, where they located on a farm near Monroeville. This farm consisted of eighty acres of raw, unimproved land in the wilderness. Here they erected a log cabin in true pioneer style, with neither door nor windows, and proceeded to clear and improve their farm and make a home. After having cleared and improved a goodly part of this farm, the family returned to Ohio, where they rented land in Concord township, locating first on what was known as the George Zimmerman place. After leaving this farm they moved to the old James Russell place in this same township, where they lived two years, after which they moved to the Jesse Kite place east of Millerstown, and here G. W. Pence and his wife lived the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom are now living: Kate, widow of Russell Cornet; John, living in the West; George W., the immediate subject of this sketch; James A., a farmer of Concord township; Jennie, widow of James Heath, now living in the West; Andrew Jackson, a farmer of Johnson township, this county; Emma, the wife of Peter Wilson, a farmer of Adams township, and Joseph, a farmer of Concord township.

George W. Pence, Jr., was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving his education in the district schools. He lived at home with his parents until his marriage, when he engaged in farming for himself, locating on a part of the old Miller farm in Mad River township, where he lived four years, after which he moved to a farm in Concord township. In 1881 he purchased a piece of land in Concord township, where he lived for two years, after which he bought a farm in Mad River township, where he lived for the next two years, at the end of which time he bought the farm where he now lives, and has lived here since. This farm consists of eighty acres of fine land, well improved and cultivated. Mr. Pence has always been engaged in general farming and stock raising, and has met with a very commendable degree of success. At the present time he is not operating his farm actively himself, being content to live in comfortable and pleasant retirement enjoying the fruits of his many years of active farm life.

On August 19, 1875, George W. Pence was married to Elizabeth Miller, the daughter of Jacob Miller. She was born and reared in Mad River township, this county. To this union three children have been born: Claude, a farmer of Mad River township; George G., living at home, who is an employee of the United States railway mail service, and Emma A., the wife of Augustus Jenkins, a farmer of Concord township. Mr. Pence is a Republican in politics, and takes a good citizen's interest in the civic affairs of his community.

## WILLIAM A. GRANDSTAFF.

One of the influential citizens of Salem township is William A. Grandstaff, a farmer and stock raiser, who has lived in Champaign county for nearly a quarter of a century. He was born, July 15, 1869, in Shenandoah county, Virginia. He is a son of Joseph B. and Isabella (Larkins) Grandstaff, both also natives of the county and state in which the subject of this sketch was born, and there they grew to maturity, were married and established their home, in fact, spent all their lives in their native county. The father was a millwright by trade in his early life, and later also followed the trade of wagon maker. His death occurred on February 7, 1897, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife died in April, 1910, reaching seventy-three years of age. She belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. To these parents nine children were born, namely: John B. is a carpenter and lives in Shenandoah county, Virginia; Elizabeth Henrietta is deceased; Fannie E. is deceased; the fourth child died in infancy; Victoria V. lives in Cumberland, Maryland; William A., of this sketch; James Richard lives in Shenandoah county, Virginia; the next child died in infancy; and Howard L. is engaged in farming in Shenandoah county.

William A. Grandstaff received his education in the common schools, lived at home until he was twenty-four years old, assisting with the work on the farm. On March 11, 1895, he came to Champaign county, Ohio, and for two years worked at farming at Westville, then east of Urbana for six years, then north of that town, in Salem township.

On February 19, 1903, Mr. Grandstaff was married to Jennie L. Laycock, who was born in Urbana township, Champaign county, where she was reared and attended school. She is a daughter of Charles F. and Catherine (Fulton) Laycock. The father was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, from which he came to Champaign county, Ohio, when a young man, locating in Union township, later moving to Urbana township where he married, his wife being a native of Champaign county. Mr. Laycock devoted his earlier life to blacksmithing, later was a farmer. His first wife died on January 17, 1905, at the age of fifty-four years, and he married for his second wife, Mollie Tillit, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, where she and Mr. Laycock now make their home. Three children were born to his first marriage, namely: Jennie L., wife of Mr. Grandstaff of this sketch; Annie is the wife of Edward Stallsmith and they live in Urbana township, Champaign county; Nellie is the wife of Wilmer Fling and they live near Custer, Illinois.

In 1914 Mr. Grandstaff bought his present farm in Salem township,

known as the Gorden farm. It contains two hundred and thirty-six acres, of which one hundred and eighty-six acres are in fine tilth and all is well improved. The farm is well located two and one-half miles northeast of Urbana. He is regarded as one of the leading farmers of his township. He is a good business manager and has been successful.

Politically, he is a Republican and of recent years has been active in local party affairs. He has filled the office of trustee of Salem township the past four years in a very creditable and satisfactory manner. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Kings Creek.

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### JAMES FITZGIVENS.

A prominent farmer and stockman of Concord township, who has been a long-time resident of Champaign county is James Fitzgivens, living on his fine farm of two hundred and eighty-seven acres located on the Muddy Creek Pike four miles northwest of Urbana. He was born at Mechanicsburg, Ohio, November 22, 1867, the son of John and Mary (Russell) Fitzgivens, both of whom were natives of Ireland.

Both John Fitzgivens and his wife came from Ireland to the United States as children with their respective parents, the families locating in New York state, and here they both grew up and were married. A few years after their marriage they came to Mechanicsburg, Ohio, where they lived for some years, after which they moved to Clark county, this state, where they lived the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom only six are now living: Michael, William, Margaret, James, Edward and Charles.

James Fitzgivens lived at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he made his home with his brother, John, now deceased, who lived in Madison county, Ohio, until he married and started out in life for himself. He first rented land in Clark county after his marriage, where he lived for a few years, after which he purchased a farm near Mechanicsburg, this county, where he lived until 1908, when he moved to Urbana, where he lived until 1912, at which time he purchased the farm where he is now living, and has since made this place his home. He is a very successful farmer and stockman, specializing in blooded stock, such as Percheron horses, and a good grade of cattle and hogs.

In January, 1890, James Fitzgivens was married to Nettie Jones, who



was born and reared in Clark county, Ohio, the daughter of Josiah and Mary (Dow) Jones. To this union have been born three children, two of whom are living: Donald, living at home, and Lawrence, now in his third year in high school. The family are prominent and popular in the social and religious circles of their community, Mrs. Fitzgivens being a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Concord township.

Mr. Fitzgivens is a Democrat in politics, and takes an active interest in the civic affairs of his county. In 1914 he served as a member of the county board of equalization. Fraternally, he is a member of Homer Lodge No. 394, Knights of Pythias, at Mechanicsburg, and also of Wildy Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mechanicsburg, and is a past noble grand of the latter lodge. He is a member of the Champaign county fair board. Mr. Fitzgivens lives on the farm known as C. O. Taylor farm.

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### WILLIAM HART.

One of the substantial and progressive farmers of Champaign county is William Hart, living on his well-tilled farm of eighty-eight acres in Jackson township three miles south of St. Paris. He was born on September 20, 1851, in Audrain county, Missouri, the son of Gottlieb and Annie (Luckenbill) Hart, both of whom were natives of Switzerland.

Gottlieb Hart and his wife were both born in Switzerland and came as children with their respective parents to America in an early day, locating first in Holmes county, Ohio, where they grew to maturity and were married. Shortly after their marriage they went west to Missouri, where Gottlieb Hart followed his trade as a cabinet and coffin maker for a few years when his death occurred, and his widow returned with her family to Holmes county, Ohio, where she married again and afterwards went to live in Stark county, Ohio, where she lived the remainder of her life. By her first marriage to Gottlieb Hart there were two children born, William and Gottlieb, the latter of whom died while young. To her second marriage were born seven children, two of whom are living: George Hoffman, of Holmes county, Ohio, and Mrs. Henrietta Strubill, living in Michigan.

After his mother's return from Missouri, William Hart lived with his grandfather in Holmes county, Ohio, receiving his education in German in the district schools of that county. At the age of seventeen he started out in life for himself by learning the carpenter trade, in which vocation

he was engaged for a number of years. In 1890 he decided to take up farming, and moved with his family from Holmes county to Champaign county, locating at Mt. Tabor, and has lived in this county continuously since that time with the exception of two years, which he spent in Paulding county, Ohio, on his farm there. In 1910 he purchased his present farm which he has improved in many ways until he now has a very attractive piece of farm property. Here he is engaged in general farming and the breeding and raising of live stock for the markets.

On December 25, 1875, William Hart was married to Catherine Kendle, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Troyer) Kendle, who is a native of Holmes county, Ohio, her parents having come from Pennsylvania. To this union have been born seven children, four of whom are now living: Savilla, widow of Fred Wade, of Urbana, Ohio; John, a resident of this county; Charles, living in Clark county, this state; Ella, the wife of Jacob Stayrook, a farmer of Mad River township, this county; William B., Edward N. and Mrs. Bertie D. Brennon, the last three named being deceased. Both Mr. Hart and his wife were reared in the faith of the German Reformed church, and take an active interest in church work. He is a Democrat in politics, and a firm believer in the principles of that party, although not an office seeker.

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#### CALEB JONES, M. D.

Dr. Caleb Jones, one of the oldest and best-known practicing physicians and surgeons in Champaign county, proprietor of the St. Paris Institute, for the treatment of inebriety and drug addiction; head of the firm of C. Jones & Son, druggists, at St. Paris, president of the Farmers and Merchants Telephone Company of that city and in other ways actively identified with the general business life of the city, is a native of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Piqua on June 2, 1851, son of William A. and Delilah (Coates) Jones, the former of whom also was born in that city, of Welsh descent. William A. Jones was a blacksmith and founder and he made the spikes which entered into the construction of the locks of the old Erie canal. In his later days he moved to Shelby county, this state, and there spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of three children, of whom two are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, the Rev. Joshua Jones, of Jackson Center, in Shelby county.

Reared near Jackson Center, Doctor Jones attended three three-months



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schools. He was a close reader and an earnest private student and, following his graduation from the Chautauqua Institute, he began the study of medicine in the office of Doctor Goodlove at Montera, Shelby county, and under that able preceptorship was prepared for college. He then entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery and was graduated from that institution in 1876. Thus admirably equipped for the practice of his profession, Doctor Jones first located at Harper, Logan county, where he practiced three years and in 1877 he opened an office in St. Paris, where he ever since has been located, having thus been continually engaged in the practice of his profession in this county for more than forty years. Not long after locating at St. Paris Doctor Jones engaged in the drug business there in a partnership concern, but presently sold his interest in the same and started a drug store of his own which he ever since has conducted, the business now being conducted under the firm name of C. Jones & Son, the Doctor's son, C. V. Jones, being a partner in the concern. In 1899 Doctor Jones established at his home in St. Paris an institute for the treatment of inebriety and drug addiction, he having, after careful study, hit upon a formula for the treatment of these distressing scourges of mankind. From the very start he was successful in the operation of the same, more than two thousand persons having been treated in that institution, the Doctor giving that feature of his practice special attention. Doctor Jones is the author of two valuable treatises bearing upon the subject to which for years he has given such careful thought, one on the theme "Opisthophorus," the name of a disease caused by the use of alcohol, and the other, "Modern Ideas on Drunkenness," both of which have attracted much attention among students of that phase of social and economic discussion. The Doctor is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs. He is a Mason, past master of the Masonic lodge at St. Paris; an Odd Fellow, past noble grand of the local lodge of that order, and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, past chancellor commander of the same, and in the affairs of all these organizations takes a warm interest. For some years the Doctor was a member of the pension examining board for this district. He is president of the Farmers and Merchants Telephone Company of St. Paris and has done much to extend the telephone service throughout this part of the state.

Doctor Jones has been twice married. His first wife, Sarah Morris, died in the fall of 1879, leaving three children, namely; Mayme, who was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and married

the Rev. W. L. Y. Davis, now living at Los Angeles, California; Dr. X. A. Jones, of Detroit, Michigan, and Charles F. Jones, a gold miner in Alaska. Doctor Jones married, for his second wife, Julia A. Goodwin, of Bellefontaine, this state, and to this union six children have been born, as follow: C. V. Jones, of the firm of C. Jones & Son, druggists, at St. Paris; O. G. Jones, Ph. D., formerly and for four years superintendent of schools in the Philippine Islands and now professor of political science and sociology in Morningside College at Sioux City, Iowa; C. G. Jones, an inspector in the Ford factory at Detroit; the Rev. Tracy K. Jones, a graduate of theology at Boston and now the religious secretary for the Young Men's Christian Association; Annetta, now at home, who has been a student of Ohio Wesleyan University and who has traveled across the continent, and Lowell K., who is now a student at Ohio Wesleyan University, enlisted in the Ohio Wesleyan Hospital Corps, and will go to France, if any of the Ohio militia goes. Doctor Jones and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Doctor for years has been a member of the official board of the same.

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#### ELZA R. BEATY.

Elza R. Beaty, a well-known and substantial farmer of Jackson township, this county, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm four miles southwest of St. Paris, on rural route No. 2, was born on this farm on January 25, 1870, the son of Elias and Elizabeth (Robbins) Beaty, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

Elias Beaty was born in Jackson township, this county, May 13, 1820, and died August 19, 1896. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Beaty, both of whom were natives of Virginia, but who came as children with their respective parents to Ohio, where they were afterward married. John Beaty's father was a native of Ireland, as was his mother, and it is thought that they came in an early day to Virginia from their native land. Both the Beaty and the Baker families were pioneer settlers of Jackson township, Champaign county, Ohio, coming into the county while it was still almost a wilderness. Indians still roamed the woods, and it is related that John Beaty as a boy, became lost in the woods at one time, and was found by a friendly Indian, who took the lad to his lodge and kept him over night, returning him to his anxious parents the next day. Elizabeth Robbins, the mother of Elza R. Beaty, was a daughter of Benoni and Susanna



(Thomas) Robbins, the former of whom was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, but who came to Miami county, Ohio, as a young man, where he met and married Susanna Thomas, who was a native of Kentucky, but who came to Miami county, Ohio, with her parents when a small girl. Benoni Robbins and wife were also among the pioneer settlers of this region, bringing up their family in true pioneer style, and suffering all the privations and hardships of pioneer times. The women of the family did all of the spinning and weaving for the family clothing and bedding, and indeed all their wants being supplied in the most primitive fashion. Elias Beaty was twice married, his first wife being Rebecca Fuson, the daughter of Rev. William Fuson, one of the early pioneer Baptist ministers who was a circuit rider of the early days in these parts. After his marriage Elias Beaty and his wife settled on their farm of one hundred acres, which at that time, was wholly unimproved and uncleared land. They had to chop a clearing in order to find a spot on which to erect their first log cabin, which they built in 1834, and here they lived together for seventeen years. To this union four children were born, two of whom are now living, George W., of Lima, Ohio, and Elcena, the wife of A. W. Downey, of Rosewood, Ohio. The mother of these children died in 1851, and afterwards Elias Beaty married Elizabeth Robbins, and to this union one son was born, Elza R., the subject of this review. Elias Beaty was a Democrat in politics, but never active in political matters. He was a faithful and earnest member of the Baptist church, and actively interested in church work.

Elza R. Beaty was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood. He was reared to the life of a farmer, besides which he had much experience in sawmill and lumber work, his father having operated an old-time sawmill in addition to his farming interests. This mill was an oldtime water power mill, operating on the old up and down system, taking shifts of three boys at night and three in daytime, at times when the water power was used and when the water was plentiful. Mr. Beaty now has a modern and up-to-date sawmill outfit, which he operates in connection with his farm. He owns one hundred and forty-five acres of land, one hundred where he lives, and forty-five on Dog Leg pike, all located in Jackson township, and is very successful in his business transactions, being a thoroughly modern up-to-date farmer.

On October 13, 1896, Elza R. Beaty was married to Emma Jones, the daughter of Harvey and Martha (Rosser) Jones, both of whom were

natives of Parkersburg, West Virginia, where they grew up and were married. After their marriage they came directly to Greene county, Ohio, locating near Cedarville, and there they lived for a period of fifty years, and Mrs. Beaty was born at that place. In 1893, the family came to Champaign county, locating in Jackson township, where the parents both died. Harvey Jones and wife were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are now living: John, of West Carrollton, Ohio; William, of Sidney, Ohio; Alex, of Carrollton, Ohio; James, living near Troy, Ohio; Harvey, living in Clinton county, Ohio; Jennie, who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Beaty; Emma, wife of Mr. Beaty. Those deceased are David, Benjamin, Sarah Jane and Caroline M. Mrs. Beaty is a devoted and earnest member of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, and takes an active interest in the affairs of the church. Mr. Beaty is a Democrat in politics, and served his township seven years on the school board.

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#### ELMER SMITH.

Elmer Smith is a general merchant doing business in the village of Thackery, Jackson township, Champaign county, Ohio. He was born in this township, west of where the substation now stands, July 22, 1865. He is a son of R. W. and Ann Jane (Thackery) Smith.

R. W. Smith, father of our subject was born in England, and lived in that country until he was ten years of age when he came with his parents to the United States, locating in Springfield, Ohio. The family remained here for a few years and then came to Jackson township, Champaign county. Here R. W. married to Ann Jane Thackery, daughter of Dunac Thackery, whose family history is mentioned in the sketch of Mrs. Sarah Neese, in another place in this work. To R. W. and Ann Jane Smith five children were born, two sons and three daughters: Florence, died young; Elmer, our subject; Osber, living in Mad River township; Clara, married Ed Kelly, of Jackson township; Blanche, wife of Charles Baker, Clark county, Ohio. Mrs. Smith died on the home farm in Jackson township; after her death Mr. Smith removed to Clark county where he died. They were members of the Newsome Chapel, Methodist Episcopal church and were interested in all the church activities. For many years Mr. Smith was one of the trustees of the church and one of the leading and influential members.

Elmer Smith, our subject, was reared on the home farm in Jackson

township and received his education in the district schools. He continued to live at home and assist in the work on the farm until January 7, 1892. On this date he was married to Lennie Welchbans, daughter of Daniel and Amanda Welchbans. She was born in Clark county, where she was reared and educated. After marriage they lived at the home of Mr. Smith's father for one year; then went to Dalton, where he had charge of a general merchandise store for five years. In 1900 he came to Thackery and bought a business here and has been in business here since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two children; Naomi A., at home, graduate of schools at Thackery and Springfield, Ohio; Lea E., at home, also a graduate of schools at Thackery and Springfield, Ohio. The family are members of the Lutheran church at Thackery. Mr. Smith is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, at Springfield, Ohio. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the school board of Jackson township for eight years. He is principal owner of the Thackery Creamery Company, and is president and general manager of that industry. He is the owner of real estate here and also has property in Springfield, Ohio.

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### WESLEY JOHNSON.

A well-to-do farmer of Champaign county is Wesley Johnson, who is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and six acres in Jackson township, located on the old Troy road three and one-half miles southwest of St. Paris, on rural route No. 1. Mr. Johnson is the son of W. T. and Nancy (Camp) Johnson, and was born March 18, 1846, on a farm in Jackson township, just north of his present home.

W. T. Johnson was born on a farm east of Cincinnati, Ohio, in Hamilton county, and was there reared to manhood and married in that county. After his marriage he and his wife came at once to Champaign county, locating on the farm in Jackson township, where Wesley Johnson was born. About ten years later they sold this farm, purchasing another tract of land near by, now owned by Frank Brubaker, and it was on this farm that the wife and mother died, after which the elder Johnson purchased a small tract of ten acres, where he lived the remainder of his life. W. T. Johnson and wife were the parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity, and five of whom are now living: Mary, who died in Kansas; Wesley, the immediate subject of this review; Oliver, of Richmond, Indiana;

Elizabeth, deceased; Edward, living in Darke county, Ohio; Hester, who died in Indiana; George W., of Covington, Ohio; and Amanda, the wife of George Apple, a farmer living near Covington, Ohio.

Wesley Johnson was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the public township schools, and early in life learned the lessons of industry and frugality, which served him well in later years. After reaching manhood he engaged in farming for himself on part of his father's farm, where he lived for a number of years, after which he moved to his present home, where he is well and comfortably situated.

On June 27, 1869, Wesley Johnson was married to Mary Ann Oram, the daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Shaffer) Oram, who were natives of Montgomery county, Ohio, coming to Champaign county when Mrs. Johnson was but a small girl, and settling on a farm in Jackson township, known as the Wilson land. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of three children: E. Albert, a farmer of Jackson township; Ida May, the wife of Emery Ullery, of Clark county, Ohio, and Jacob Ellsworth, who died in infancy. The family are members of the Baptist church at Lena, Ohio, in which they are deeply interested. Mr. Johnson is a Republican in politics, and has always been active in local public matters, having served his township as school director, and for the past eleven years has been ditch supervisor of the township.

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### FRED AND ANDREW MAYS.

Among the substantial and progressive farmers of Jackson township, this county, few have a wider acquaintance in that neighborhood than the Mays brothers, Fred and Andrew, who are proprietors of a well-kept and profitably conducted farm about two miles southwest of the city of St. Paris, which they bought in 1914, after having spent some years engaged in the baking business at St. Paris, and on which they have since made their home; Andrew Mays, who is unmarried, living with his elder and married brother, Fred Mays.

The Mays brothers were born on a farm two miles east of Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark, sons of Jacob and Sarah (Overs) Mays, both of whom spent their last days in this county, the former dying on his farm in Salem township and the latter in the city of St. Paris. Jacob Mays was a native of Pennsylvania, born in the vicinity of Butler, in Armstrong county, that state, not far from the city of Pittsburgh, and there grew to

manhood. He later came over into Ohio and located in this county, becoming engaged in farming in Urbana township and not long after locating there married Mrs. Sarah (Overs) Hannan, widow of Jacob Hannan, the latter of whom had died on October 14, 1856, at the age of twenty-six years, leaving his widow and one child, a daughter, Hannah C. E., born on March 9, 1857, who married Jacob Printz, of St. Paris. Sarah Overs was born in the state of Pennsylvania, but was reared in New Jersey, from which latter state she later came with her parents to Ohio, the family first locating at Bellefontaine and then coming to this county and settling on a farm west of the old fair grounds, near Urbana.

For a time after his marriage Jacob Mays continued to make his home in Urbana township and then moved to Clark county, where he farmed for some years, at the end of which time he returned to this county and after farming for a time southwest of Urbana bought a farm in Salem township and in 1876 established his home on that place and there spent the rest of his life, a quiet, unassuming man and substantial citizen, his death occurring there in 1900. His widow later moved to St. Paris, where she spent her last days, her death occurring in 1909. They were the parents of four children, namely: Maggie Etta, born on June 9, 1867, who died on December 26, 1872; Fred, born on August 20, 1869; Lydia Anna, December 30, 1871, who married John Heck and died on January 27, 1900, and Andrew, March 9, 1875.

Reared on the home farm in Salem township, Fred and Andrew Mays received their schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of their home and remained there until two years after the death of the father, when, in 1902, they left the farm and moved to St. Paris, where Fred Mays engaged in the baking business. In 1905 his brother Andrew became a partner in the business and the brothers were thus engaged until May 1, 1913, when they sold their bakery and retired from business. Not long afterward they bought the old Noe farm of eighty acres, in Jackson township, two miles southwest of St. Paris, on rural mail route No. 2 out of that city, and on March 4, 1914, moved onto the same and have ever since made that place their home, quite successfully engaged in farming. The brothers are Republicans and both take a warm interest in local political affairs, but neither has been a seeker after public office. Fred Mays is a member of St. Paris Lodge No. 344, Knights of Pythias, and Andrew Mays is a member of Moss Grove Lodge No. 764, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both taking an active interest in the affairs of their respective lodges.

Fred Mays has been twice married. He was united in marriage to Emma B. Unkefer, who died in Salem township, leaving one child, a daughter,

Guytanana, who married Harry Mast and is living on a farm in Salem township, a little more than two miles north of Urbana. On March 26, 1914, Fred Mays married, secondly, Mary V. Bosler, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth Bosler, who came to this county from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Mays have a very pleasant home and take a proper interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

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### PETER JOHNSON.

The late Peter Johnson, who for years was regarded as one of the most successful grocers and retail meat dealers in Urbana and who died at his home in that city in the summer of 1913, was a native son of Ohio and lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Montgomery county on September 13, 1861, son of Alexander and Maria Johnson, well-to-do farmers of that county and the former of whom is still living, now making his home at Tiptecanoe, in Harrison county, over in the eastern part of the state.

Reared on the home farm in Montgomery county, Peter Johnson received his schooling in the local schools in the neighborhood of his home and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of improving and developing the home farm. After his marriage, in 1886, he continued his labors on the home farm and there continued thus engaged until shortly before his departure from Montgomery county and removal to Urbana, where, in 1897, he engaged in the grocery and retail meat business and was thus engaged the rest of his life. Upon his arrival in Urbana in 1897 Mr. Johnson opened a grocery store and meat market on North Russell street, at the stand now occupied by J. B. Method, and there continued in business until his death, on July 4, 1913. Mr. Johnson was an enterprising and energetic merchant and built up one of the most extensive grocery stores in Urbana, his methods and the up-to-date character of his store attracting a large trade. He was a member of the Lutheran church, as is his widow, and was ever a liberal contributor to the various beneficences of the local congregation of that church and otherwise helpful in local good works. By political affiliation he was a Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, an earnest supporter of the cause of good government, but was not a seeker after public office. Energetic in the management of his own extensive business affairs, he was





PETER JOHNSON



public spirited and in the general commercial and industrial affairs of the city ever took an active interest, a consistent "booster" of all movements designed to advance the business interests of his home town and the county at large.

On January 6, 1886, Peter Johnson was united in marriage to Louise Reuss, who was born in Montgomery county, in the city of Dayton, a daughter of Henry and Regina Reuss, natives of Germany, who had come to this country in the days of their youth and had located with their respective parents at Dayton, where they were married. Henry Reuss was a butcher and for many years was very successfully engaged in that line at Dayton. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom five are still living, those besides Mrs. Johnson being Elizabeth, Kate, Laura and Adam. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson one child was born, a son, Stephen Arthur Johnson. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Johnson has continued to make her home at Urbana, where she is very pleasantly situated.

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#### CALVIN S. LEFFEL.

One of the leading citizens and enterprising business men of Christiansburg, this county, is Calvin S. Leffel, who has been engaged in the general merchandise business in this village since February, 1913. He was born on a farm three-fourths of a mile west of Christiansburg, in what is known as the Leffel section in Miami county, Ohio, on May 18, 1855, and is a son of Martin S. and Catherine (Huffman) Leffel, the former of whom was a native of Ohio, and the latter of Virginia.

Martin S. Leffel was born on a farm south of Springfield, Ohio, in Clark county, the son of James P. Leffel, one of the early settlers of that section. The latter came to Ohio from Pennsylvania when a lad of sixteen, locating first in Clark county, where he followed the trade of a miller, operating a mill for many years just south of Springfield, near Enon. His health failing in later years, he retired from active life in the mill, locating on his farm, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a well-known and influential man in his community, being a self-made man in the truest sense of the word. Starting in life with an entire capital of about sixteen dollars, he amassed a fortune in his own right by reason of his able and successful business management. Catherine Huffman, the mother of Calvin Leffel, was born in Virginia, the daughter of Philip Huffman, coming to Clark county, Ohio, when a

young girl with her parents, the latter of whom were of German ancestry, her father having been born and reared in that country. After their marriage, Martin Leffel and wife settled on the farm just west of Christiansburg, in Miami county, where their son, Calvin S., was born. They lived on this farm until 1867, when they retired from active farm life and moved to Christiansburg for eight years and then back on the farm ten or twelve years and back to Christiansburg where they died, his death occurring April 4, 1899, while his widow survived him some years, passing away on February 22, 1917. They were the parents of ten children, of whom six are now living: Calvin S., of this review; Emma, wife of George Sheppard; Howard D., living on the old homestead farm; W. D., of Dayton, Ohio; Villie, wife of George W. Deaton, of Christiansburg; Maurice, of Christiansburg, and Mattie, Warren D., Mamie Riley Meeks and Minerva, the last three being deceased.

Calvin S. Leffel was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the district schools of the township and in the schools of Christiansburg. He assisted his father with the work of the farm until his marriage, when he took entire charge of the home place, operating it for nine years, after which he moved to what is known as the Enoch Smith farm in the same township, where he lived until 1900, when he moved to Christiansburg, where he engaged in buying and selling of live stock and tobacco raising. Later he purchased the hotel in the village, which he conducted for about two years, after which he again engaged in the live stock business, in which line he continued until February, 1913, when he engaged in the general merchandise business in Christiansburg, which he is still successfully operating. Besides his store, Mr. Leffel also supervises the operation of his farm of seventy-eight acres in this vicinity.

On February 26, 1888, by Rev. Nixox, Calvin S. Leffel was united in marriage to Sallie J. Long, the daughter of Moses and Martha Howell Long. The Howells were among the very earliest settlers of this vicinity, coming here from Virginia, in the early days, and donated the land for the townsite of the present village of Christiansburg. Mr. and Mrs. Leffel are the parents of two children: Edna M., the wife of J. E. Robinson, a resident of the village here, and Scott R., who is employed with his father in the store. Mrs. Leffel is an earnest member of the Honey Creek Baptist church, taking an active interest in church affairs.

Mr. Leffel is a member of Social Lodge, No. 139, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the encampment. Both he and his wife are charter members of Sweet Home Chapter No. 524, Daughters of Rebekah, and Mrs. Leffel is a past worthy grand, both being warmly interested in the

affairs of this organization. Mr. Leffel is a Republican in politics, and an ardent supporter of the principles of that party. Besides his store and farm interests, Mr. Leffel is a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Christiansburg.

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### WALTER A. LEONARD.

Walter A. Leonard lives in Thackery, Jackson township, Champaign county, and his business occupation is the operator of a thresher and a saw-mill. He was born near Terre Haute, December 19, 1872, a son of Abram and Mary Jane (Jenkins) Leonard.

Abram Leonard was born in Crawford county, Ohio, and came to this county when but a small boy. His parents were George and Catherine Leonard, both of whom were born and reared in Virginia, and were married in that state. They came to Champaign county in an early day and located first in Jackson township, near the Grayton church. They remained there only a short time and then came to Mad River township, where Abram grew to manhood.

Mary Jane Jenkins was born in Terre Haute, Ohio. She was the daughter of Morgan L. and Rebecca (Galine) Jenkins, a native of New Hampshire and of Scotch ancestry. Abram Leonard and wife began house-keeping on Nettle creek, on the old Abe Hess farm, as renters. They remained there one year and then went to Newton, Illinois, and rented a farm near that place, remaining there for two years. Then they returned to Champaign county and rented a farm for awhile in Mad River township; then removed to Urbana township and rented the George Deo place for one year; then came back to Mad River township and lived for two years; then to German township in Clark county where they lived for one year. In 1880 they bought a farm in Mad River township and lived on it until 1905, when they sold it and returned to Clark county, Ohio. There the wife died about one year later and the husband returned to Champaign county and lived with Walter, our subject, until his death, which occurred in 1908.

Abram Leonard was the father of ten children, nine of whom grew to adult age and eight are now living. They are: B. F., living in Terre Haute; Alice, wife of Zachariah Zirkle, Mad River township; Albert, Thackery; Alma, wife of Perry Shaffer, Mad River township; Artie, deceased, wife of J. W. Shaffer; Rebecca, wife of Ed. Zirkle; Walter A.; Charlotte,

deceased; Morgan, Jackson township; Charles O., Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Leonard was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Terre Haute, Ohio. He was a Democrat in politics, not active in party affairs but firm in the belief that the principles and policies of that party were right.

Walter A. Leonard was reared to manhood on the farm in Mad River township, and received his education in the district schools of the township, and in Terre Haute. He remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age. October 29, 1896, he was married to Ola F. Deaton, daughter of S. H. Deaton, of Jackson township. The Deaton family history receives further mention in another place in this work.

To Walter Leonard and wife three children have been born, one of whom died in infancy. The two living are: Alfred F., in school at Thackery; Lottie E., in school at Thackery. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are members of the Lutheran church of Thackery. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as justice of the peace in Jackson township. He is a member of Thackery Lodge No. 874, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and past noble grand of that order. For the past four years has been lodge deputy.

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### GEORGE W. DOBBINS.

One of the enterprising and progressive business men of Christiansburg, this county, is George W. Dobbins, who is engaged in the lumber and sawmill business and the manufacture of lumber. He was born at Conover, Miami county, Ohio, on September 10, 1869, and is a son of William and Molly (Brown) Dobbins, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state.

William Dobbins was born in Ross county, Ohio, and came with his parents to Miami county when a small boy, and was reared on a farm there, early in life learning the lessons of diligence and frugality. After leaving the farm he started in a small way in the lumber business in Miami county, later coming to Champaign county, locating in Christiansburg, where he started a mill near the county line between this county and Miami county. Later he purchased the mill which had already been established in Christiansburg previous to his coming there, and was conducting a very successful business here when the Civil War broke out, and he enlisted for service in the Union army by joining Company C. Thirteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on May 24, 1862. He was honorably discharged from



the service on August 1, 1862, but again re-enlisted and served with honor until the close of the war in 1865. After returning from the army, he again engaged in the sawmill business for many years, retiring from active business operations only about three years before his death, which occurred September 11, 1915. Molly Brown was a native of Miami county, Ohio, born on a farm southwest of Troy, the daughter of George Brown and wife, who were pioneers of that county. William Dobbins and wife were the parents of five children, all of whom grew to maturity, and four are now living: George W., the immediate subject of this review; Effie, deceased, was the wife of Charles Gruber, of Troy, Ohio; Alonzo, employed in the sawmill at Christiansburg; Arthur, a miller of Shandon, Ohio, and Osie, who is the wife of Clifford Jenkins, of Christiansburg. The family were earnest and faithful members of the Christian church. William Dobbins always took an active interest in the welfare of his old comrades of Civil War days, and was a prominent member of the Marion A. Ross Post, Grand Army of the Republic at Christiansburg. He was also a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 226, Free and Accepted Masons. He was a Democrat in politics, and prominent in the councils of his party in local public matters.

George W. Dobbins received his education in the public schools of Miami and Champaign counties, and from boyhood was employed in his father's mills, being actively identified with the business in connection with his father for many years, or until the latter's retirement from active business life, at which time, 1905, G. W. Dobbins, formed a partnership with Adam Bright, which partnership lasted until 1911, or until the death of Mr. Bright, when Mr. Dobbins took over the entire business himself, since which time he has conducted it alone. At one time he conducted both a stationary and portable mill, but is only operating one mill at the present time, and has been very successful in his line of business. Besides his mill property, Mr. Dobbins is the owner of some town property in the village of Christiansburg.

On March 4, 1898, G. W. Dobbins was united in marriage to Laura Long, the daughter of Volney and Sybia (Johnson) Long, the former of whom was born in Miami county, Ohio, and the latter in Champaign county, near Christiansburg. The Johnson family came from Clermont county, Ohio, to Champaign county, at an early date, while the Long family originally came from Blount county, Tennessee, Moses Long coming here as a young man, where he met and married Martha Howell, whose family

were the first settlers of this community from Christiansburg, Virginia, whence the village gets its name. Volney and Sybia (Johnson) Long were the parents of two children, Laura, the wife of Mr. Dobbins, and Charles, of Mansfield, Ohio. Both Mr. and Mrs. Long are still living and make their home in Christiansburg, where they have spent the most of their lives. Mr. Long is a member of the Order of Owls at Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Dobbins has been a member of the Sons of Veterans since his young manhood, belonging to George A. Baker Camp, No. 268. At one time he was color sergeant and camp guard, as well as chaplain of the local lodge. In politics he is a Democrat, and loyal in his support of the principles of that party. He is identified with the Christian church, while his wife attends the Methodist Episcopal church, and both are prominent and active in the social and religious life of their community.

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### JOHN M. SAYLER, M. D.

Dr. John M. Sayler, a well-known and popular physician and surgeon of Christiansburg, Champaign county, who has been in the active practice of his profession for the past fourteen years, was born near Salem, Montgomery county, Ohio, on March 23, 1878, the son of John and Hattie (Wampler) Sayler.

John Sayler was a native of Maryland, born in Carroll county, that state, near Union Bridge, on June 18, 1842. He was a son of Reuben and Hannah (Smith) Sayler, both of whom spent their lives in Maryland. John Sayler left home when he reached the age of twenty years, locating at Dayton, Ohio, in 1862, where he remained for three years, learning the milling business. On April 18, 1865, he was married to Hattie Wampler, after which he engaged in farming north of Dayton, renting land for two years. He then purchased the farm where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on November 29, 1915, at the age of seventy-three years. During his active farming operations, he specialized in live stock, and also operated a dairy farm, which was called the "Crystal Spring Dairy Farm." It was he who introduced Jersey cattle into his vicinity, being the first man of his neighborhood to import thoroughbred cattle of this variety, the nucleus of his herd being brought in from New York state. Although a quiet, unassuming man, yet he was well known and ranked among the leading farmers and stockmen of his community. He and his

wife were the parents of five children, all of whom are now living: Jessie, widow of Rue Esery, living in Portland, Oregon, where her daughter is studying voice culture; Charles, of Dayton, Ohio; Lloyd, of Brookville, Ohio; Howard L. Cogswell, a graduate of the Starling Medical College, now practicing his profession in North Dakota, and John M., of this sketch.

John M. Saylor was reared to manhood on his father's farm, receiving his early education in the public schools of Salem, Ohio. He was a student of the high school at Englewood, Ohio, and after his graduation entered Starling Medical College in the fall of 1899 from which excellent institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in April, 1903. On May 11th of the same year he engaged in the active practice of his profession at Christiansburg, and has since made this his home and field of labor. Here he has built up an extensive practice in the town and surrounding country, and has done very well indeed in his chosen profession, as he keeps fully abreast of all modern advances in the science of medicine and the healing art.

On April 23, 1902, Dr. John M. Saylor was united in marriage to Rose Matilda Laukhuff, who was born in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Theodore and Margaret (Baldwin) Laukhuff, and to this union have been born two children: Paul Theodore, born September 4, 1903, now a student in the public schools, and Geneva Margaret, born May 27, 1906, also a student in the public schools of Christiansburg. Mrs. Saylor and the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and actively interested in church affairs in the community.

Theodore Laukhuff was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, January 6, 1832, and grew to maturity in his native land, receiving his education there. After reaching the age of twenty-one he came to America, locating at once at Cincinnati, Ohio. His father had been a pipe organ builder in his native land, and the firm of which the elder Laukhuff was head is still in existence in Werkersheim, Germany. After coming to Cincinnati, Theodore Laukhuff engaged in painting and decorating work, in which line he was very successful. Margaret Baldwin, the mother of Mrs. Saylor, was born in Dornheim, Germany, on January 14, 1839, and came with her parents as a girl of fourteen to the United States, locating at Ironton, Ohio, where she lived until her marriage to Theodore Laukhuff. After their marriage Theodore Laukhuff and wife lived in Cincinnati for one year, after which they removed to Dayton, Ohio, where they lived for fifteen years, after which they went to Englewood, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are still

living: Bertha, the wife of L. A. Alhert, of Englewood, Ohio; Larisa, the wife of Charles Leiber, of Englewood, Ohio; William T., of Chicago, Illinois; Rose M., wife of Doctor Sayler, and F. E., of Dayton, Ohio. The family were all earnest and faithful members of the German Lutheran church, and active and prominent in church work.

Besides his practice, Doctor Sayler is the owner and proprietor of the Sayler garage in Christiansburg. He is prominent and active in all public measures for the good of his locality, and has held the office of township health officer twelve years. He was twice elected township treasurer. He is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally, he is a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 226, Free and Accepted Masons, and holds his membership on the Chapter, Council and Commandery, Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters at Troy, Ohio, and both he and Mrs. Sayler are charter members of the Order of Eastern Star at Troy, Ohio.

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### DARIUS E. KITE.

One of the substantial citizens of Champaign county now living a comfortable life of retirement in his pleasant home in the village of St. Paris, and the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and ninety acres in Mad River township, is Darius E. Kite, who is a native of the county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Mad River township, on March 23, 1863. He is a son of David and Sarah Jane (Frank) Kite, both of whom were also natives of the county.

David Kite was born March 21, 1829, and died on January 24, 1912, while his wife, Sarah Jane Frank, was born on July 22, 1831, and died on September 19, 1913. Their marriage took place in 1848, and to them were born eight children: Andrew, who died at the age of forty-three years, was a farmer of Mad River township; Louisa, living in St. Paris; Charles B., of Greenville, Ohio; Lemuel, of St. Paris, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; William I., who died in Dayton, Ohio; Darius E., the immediate subject of this sketch; Eunice, the wife of H. C. Brokshire, of Dayton, and Mary, who was the sixth in order of birth, who died at the age of eighteen years. David Kite was a prosperous and influential man in this section of the county and at one time owned six hundred acres of land in these parts. He was a Democrat in politics and stanch in his belief in the principles of that party, although never an office seeker.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID KITE.







Darius E. Kite was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Mad River township, receiving his education in the township schools, and assisting his father with the work of the home farm. When his parents moved to St. Paris in 1892, he took entire charge of the farm, which he successfully operated until the fall of 1907, when he and his family moved to St. Paris, where they have since resided. On Mr. Kite's farm in Mad River township was established the first cane sorghum mill in this section. This was known as the Kite sorghum mill and was operated very successfully for a number of years by Mr. Kite. This mill was one of the old land-marks of the county, its use being discontinued about five years ago.

On January 20, 1892, D. E. Kite was married to Mrs. Allie (Taylor) Middleton, the widow of Arthur Middleton, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Kite are earnest and devoted members of the Baptist church, in whose welfare they are deeply interested. Mr. Kite holds membership in Lodge No. 344, Knights of Pythias, at St. Paris, and takes an active interest in the work of this fraternal organization. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as a member of the Mad River township school board. Mr. Kite's life has been a very active one, and he has accomplished much that is worthy of note in the life of any man, he and his wife being highly respected and esteemed in the social and religious life of their home community.

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### SIMON F. BEATY.

One of the enterprising farmers and a life-long resident of Champaign county is Simon F. Beaty, who owns a fine farm of ninety-six acres three miles south of St. Paris on the Springfield and St. Paris pike. He was born on this farm on April 22, 1836, the son of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Beaty, the former of whom was a native of Ireland, and the latter of Virginia.

John Beaty came to the United States from Ireland with his parents when a boy, the family locating first in Virginia, where they remained two years, when they came to Champaign county, Ohio, settling on a farm in Jackson township, being among the earliest pioneers of these parts. They made the journey from Virginia to Ohio in a covered spring wagon drawn by one horse, and this outfit, together with the sum of twenty-five cents, constituted the worldly means of this worthy pioneer family. There were Indians all about them in their new home, but with true pioneer spirit,

they proceeded to clear their land, eighty acres of which they entered from the government. With praiseworthy industry and taking advantage of the low prices of land during the early days, John Beaty, Sr., gradually added to his holdings until he was the owner of six hundred and thirty-five acres of fine land. He and his wife lived on their first farm all their lives, and the first house that was erected on the farm is still standing. Elizabeth Baker, the wife of John Beaty, Jr., and the mother of Simon F., was born in Virginia in Rockbridge county, and came here as a girl with her parents, who were also pioneers in the county. John and Elizabeth (Baker) Beaty were the parents of nine children, of whom Simon is the only one now surviving, being the youngest of the family, the others being Elias, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth, John A., Ezra, William and David. He and his wife were earnest and devoted members of the Baptist church, Mr. Beaty being largely instrumental in the erection of the Mt. Zion church of that denomination, in which he was a leading member for many years, serving on the board of trustees for a long period of years. He was a Democrat in politics, and was always a firm adherent to the principles of that party, although never an office seeker. He served his country in the War of 1812, being a member of Captain Miles C. Cronise's company. The latter was taken sick and died while on duty, and Mr. Beaty was made captain of the company in his place, being discharged at the end of his service with that rank.

Simon F. Beaty was reared to manhood on his father's farm, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood, although his opportunities for schooling were somewhat limited. He started in life for himself after his marriage on the home place, and has lived here since. He has been engaged in general farming and stock raising and has met with a very commendable degree of success in his chosen calling.

On December 23, 1866, Simon F. Beaty was married to Ellen Robbins, daughter of Benoni and Susanna (Thomas) Robbins, and to this union have been born two children, Cora, deceased, was the wife of John Heaston, a farmer of Jackson township, leaving one son, Pearl, who farms the old homestead, and Otto E., who married Angie Baterall, and lives on the home farm, and they have one son, James. The family are members of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, and take an active interest in church affairs, Mr. Beaty serving as deacon of this church about forty-five years. Mr. Beaty is a Democrat in politics, and is always interested in the civic welfare of his community, although not a seeker after public office. He is a quiet, unassuming man, attending strictly to his own affairs, and highly esteemed among his neighbors and friends.

## FRANCIS M. APPLE.

One of the enterprising citizens and a life long resident of this county is Francis M. Apple, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and ten acres in Jackson township, located just east of the Bellefontaine and Carlyle pike, about two miles south and one mile east of St. Paris. Mr. Apple was born in the township, on the farm now owned by Otto F. Apple, October 10, 1872, the son of Simon and Elizabeth Ann (Loudenbeck) Apple, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

Simon M. Apple was born on the old Apple farm in this township, and lived his entire life on the old home place. He was a son of Solomon Apple, who was born in Pennsylvania, but who came with his parents in an early day to Ohio, locating first near Dayton. Solomon Apple grew to manhood in Montgomery county, Ohio, later coming to Champaign county, and here he married a Miss Snapp. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, six of whom grew to maturity, William, Sarah, Solomon, Jr., Mary, Noah and Simon. Solomon Apple became a large landowner in this county, at one time owning three hundred and eighteen acres of fine farming land, all of which he had acquired through his own effort. When he first moved to the county, his land was virgin forest, not enough being cleared upon which to even erect a cabin, but with true pioneer spirit he quickly cleared a space and erected his first rude log cabin, in the center of which one large stump was left, which was used for a fire place until it burned out. After his marriage to Elizabeth Ann Loudenberg, Simon Apple continued to reside on the old home farm, on which he spent his entire life, his death occurring on July 12, 1912. His widow survived him two years, passing away in January, 1914. They were the parents of five children, only two of whom are now living, Otto and Francis M.

Francis M. Apple was reared on the farm, receiving his early education in the district schools of Jackson township, and later attended the State Normal School at Ada, Ohio, having also been a student at the Capitol Normal School at Columbus, Ohio. After leaving school he engaged in farming on his own account, and has long been recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of his community. Besides his farming interests, Mr. Apple is interested in the Farmers and Merchants Telephone Company.

Francis M. Apple was united in marriage to Clara Stephenson, and to this union have been born five sons, Paul, Luther, Albert, Robert and Charles, the two eldest being at home, and the three youngest living at St. Paris.

On February 12, 1913, he married Julia A. Beaver, a daughter of Lewis and Nettie (Eaton) Beaver. The family are members of the St. Johns Lutheran church at St. Paris, and take an active interest in church affairs.

Mr. Apple is a Democrat in politics, and actively interested in all matters pertaining to the civic welfare of his community. He has served as Justice of the Peace in his township; was township treasurer for two years, and at the present time is serving as clerk and treasurer of the township school board. Mr. Apple has always been deeply interested in educational affairs, and was largely instrumental in securing the centralized school in this township. For many years Mr. Apple served as a member of the Champaign County Fair Association, in which organization he was actively interested.

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### LEMUEL KITE.

Lemuel Kite, who is now living in comfortable retirement in his pleasant home at St. Paris, Ohio, is a native of Champaign county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Mad River township, five miles southeast of the village of St. Paris, on September 28, 1855. He is a son of David and Sarah Jane (Frank) Kite, both of whom were also natives of this county, the father having been born on the same farm in Mad River township.

David Kite was born March 21, 1829, and died on July 24, 1902. He was a son of Benjamin and Sarah Kite, both of whom were born and reared in old Virginia, but who came to Ohio in an early day, being among the pioneer settlers of Mad River township, this county. Sarah Jane Frank was born on a farm in Mad River township, two miles east of St. Paris, the daughter of Martin Frank and wife, who were also Virginians by birth, and among the pioneers of Champaign county. After his marriage David Kite and his wife settled on the old home place in Mad River township and lived there for some years, or until they moved to St. Paris, where he engaged in the stove and tin shop business, in which line he continued until failing health forced him to retire from active business life. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, five of whom are now living: Louisa Ann, the widow of Isaac C. Dovel, now living with her brother, Lemuel, at St. Paris; Charles B., of Greenville, Ohio; Lemuel, the immediate subject of this brief review; D. E., of St. Paris; Emmie E., wife of Hydson Brookshire of Dayton, Ohio. The mother of these children was a faithful

and earnest member of the Baptist church, being actively identified with the Myrtle Tree congregation.

Lemuel Kite was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Mad River township, receiving his education in the township schools. When his parents moved to St. Paris, he accompanied them to this village, where he has since lived. On February 18, 1887, he and his brother, W. L., now deceased, engaged in the implement business, and this partnership continued for three years, after which he became engaged in other lines, being in the fence business for about thirteen years. In 1914 Mr. Kite retired from active business life, since which time he has been looking after his various business interests in and around St. Paris. Like his father before him, he is a Democrat in politics, and a firm believer in the doctrines and principles of that party. He is an earnest member of the Baptist church at St. Paris, in the affairs of which he is warmly interested.

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### JOHN Q. BAKER.

John Q. Baker, head of the firm of Baker & Van Culin, general insurance agents at St. Paris, and an honored veteran of the Civil War is a Virginian, born in Rockingham county, in the Old Dominion, October 7, 1842, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his boyhood and of St. Paris since early in the year 1866, having taken up his residence there shortly after completing his service in the Union army. He was about nine years of age when his parents, Isaac and Anna (Showalter) Baker moved from Virginia to Indiana in 1851 and settled in Elkhart county, in the latter state. There they remained for something more than two years, at the end of which time they came to Ohio and located in Allen county, where they were living when the Civil War broke out. John Q. Baker enlisted for service as a member of Company G, Eighty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command for three years.

Upon the completion of his military service John Q. Baker returned to his home in Allen county, but shortly afterward came down into Champaign county and on January 3, 1886, located at St. Paris, where he ever since has made his home and where for years he has been successfully engaged in the insurance business, for more than twenty years having had as a partner in that business his son-in-law, John D. Van Culin. Not long

after taking up his residence in St. Paris John Q. Baker was united in marriage there to Susanna Huffman, who was born at St. Paris, a member of one of the oldest families in Champaign county, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Emma, wife of John D. Van Culin. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Reformed church and, politically, Mr. Baker is a Democrat. He has for many years given his close attention to local civic affairs and is now serving as justice of the peace in and for Johnson township. He is an active member of H. C. Scott Post No. 111, Grand Army of the Republic, at St. Paris, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

John D. Van Culin was born in the city of Philadelphia on March 16, 1857, son of John D. and Jane (Priest) Van Culin, the former of whom, an honored veteran of the Civil War, was born in that same city, of Dutch descent, the founder of his family in this country having come over here and locating in lower Philadelphia shortly after the establishment of the Penn Colony there. He was a printer by trade and spent all his life in Philadelphia, his death occurring there in 1891, he then being sixty-five years of age; his final illness having been aggravated as a result of a severe wound he received at the battle of Antietam while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, his service having been rendered as a member of Company K, Seventy-second Regiment (Baxter's Zouaves), Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His wife, Jane Priest, of English descent, was born in the town of Jerseyshore in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and was visiting at Philadelphia when she met and married Mr. Van Culin. To that union were born thirteen children, of whom but four grew to maturity.

The junior John D. Van Culin was reared in Philadelphia and received his schooling in the schools of that city, remaining there until 1893, when he came over into Ohio and engaged in the photograph business at St. Paris. In August, 1894, he there married Emma Baker, daughter and only child of John Q. and Susanna (Huffman) Baker, noted above, and to this union two sons have been born, Paul B., a graduate of the St. Paris high school, who is now employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Carl D., who is still in school. Not long after his marriage Mr. Van Culin became engaged with his father-in-law in the insurance business, under the firm name of Baker & Van Culin, and has since been thus engaged, the firm doing a large business in that line throughout this and adjoining counties. Mr. and Mrs. Van Culin are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an earnest interest in church work and in the general social



activities of their home town. In 1881, while still living in Philadelphia, Mr. Van Culin became a member of the order of the Knights of Pythias and since taking up his residence in St. Paris has been a member of Lodge No. 344 of that order at that place and is past chancellor commander of the same. He is a Knight Templar and Royal Arch Mason, past master of Pharos Lodge No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons, at St. Paris; past high priest of St. Paris Chapter No. 132, Royal Arch Masons; a member of Urbana Council No. 59, Royal and Select Masters, and of Raper Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, at Urbana, and in the affairs of all these several departments of Masonry takes a warm interest. Politically, Mr. Van Culin is a Republican, ever taking a proper interest in local civic affairs, and has served as a member of the board of public works of the city of St. Paris.

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### FREEMAN PERKEYPILE.

Freeman Perkeypile, a farmer and stock buyer living at Rosewood, Champaign county, was born in Adams township, this county, in March, 1865. He is a son of Jeremiah and Louisa (Evans) Perkeypile. The mother was born in Champaign county, but the father was a native of Pennsylvania. He was a son of David Perkeypile, who made three trips, in wagons, from his home in that state to Champaign county, Ohio, in early days, finally establishing his future home here. His son, Jeremiah, was a young man when the family moved here. The latter was born in Pennsylvania in October, 1819. Louisa Evans was his second wife. Several children were born of his first marriage, three of whom are living in 1917, namely: Leonard lives in Urbana, Ohio; Douglas lives on a farm in Adams township, this county; and George W., who makes his home in Chicago. Two children were born to the second marriage, namely: Freeman, of this sketch; and D. P., who lives in Red Key, Indiana.

Freeman Perkeypile was reared on the home farm in Adams township and he attended the district schools until he was fifteen years old, then started out in life for himself. When seventeen he began trading in live stock, buying and feeding stock for the market. He soon became an excellent judge of stock and has become one of the best known buyers in his county. For many years he has shipped a great number of carloads of cattle to the central markets and also at home. He has been very successful as a stock man and general farmer, and he now owns a finely improved and

productive farm of one hundred and five acres in Adams township. He feeds most of the grain he raises to his live stock.

On November 19, 1885, Mr. Perkeypile was married to Anna Overholtzer, who was born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1868, where she grew up. Her death occurred in 1914, leaving one child, Mertie, whose birth occurred on February 1, 1892; she was educated in the local public schools, and she is now the wife of Jesse Armstrong; they make their home with her father, Mr. Armstrong, assisting with the operation of the home farm.

Politically, Mr. Perkeyville is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to public office. He was formerly a member of the anti-horse thief association. He is a liberal supporter of the churches, but does not affiliate with any special one. He is charitably inclined and tries to lead a helpful and useful life.

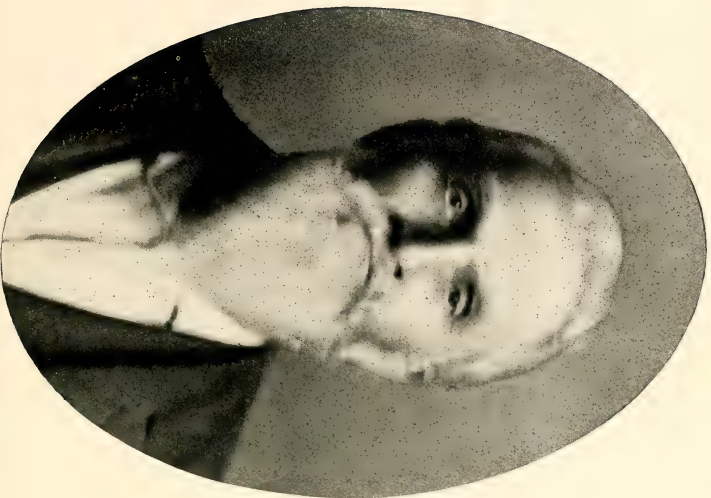
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### WILLIAM I. PENCE.

Among the enterprising farmers of Champaign county is William I. Pence, the owner of a fine farm on the Runkle road about one mile south and one mile east of St. Paris, on rural route No. 3. Mr. Pence was born in Mad River township, this county, September 8, 1836, the son of Aaron and Rebecca (Runkle) Pence, and, with the exception of six years spent in Hardin county, Ohio, he has lived in this county all his life.

Aaron Pence was a native of Ohio, his parents having come to this state in an early day from Virginia. Rebecca Runkle was a native of the Old Dominion state, and came with her parents as a small child to Ohio. Her father, Peter Runkle, settled on a farm in the south part of Jackson township, this county, where he and his wife lived the remainder of their lives. A few years after his marriage, Aaron Pence purchased eighty acres of land, this being the same farm where William I. Pence now lives, and here he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, only three of whom are now living: William I., of this review; Mrs. Ella Zimmerman, of Urbana, Ohio, and Mariah, the widow of Simon Snapp.

William I. Pence was reared to manhood on his father's farm, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood. In 1861 he moved to Hardin county, this state, where he lived six years. In February, 1867, he returned to the old home place in this county on account of his father's failing health, and after the latter's death, in March of that year, he



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took active charge of the farm, and has since made this place his home, although in later years Mr. Pence has turned over the active management of the farm to his two sons. Besides his farming interests, Mr. Pence engaged extensively in the manufacture of tile, having started one of the first tile factories in these parts. For many years he supplied the neighboring farmers with tile with which to drain their lands.

On April 22, 1858, William I. Pence was united in marriage to Catherine Walgamuth, who was born on a farm in this township and who grew up in the same neighborhood with her husband. They were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom are now living: Douglas, a farmer living in Mad River township, this county; Elmer, of St. Paris, Ohio; McClelland, a farmer of Jackson township; Charles, living in Miami county, Ohio; Emmet, at home; Fletcher, at home; John, a resident of Jackson township; Rose, the wife of McClellan Fitzpatrick, of Jackson township; Emma and Hattie, at home; Lydia and Ada, both deceased. The mother of these children died on January 20, 1911, loved and mourned by all who knew her. The two sons, Fletcher and Emmet, have active charge of the farm work, and are very successful in their farming operations.

Mr. Pence is a Democrat in politics, but not active in political matters, although taking a warm interest in local public matters. Mrs. Pence is a member of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church and Emma and Hattie are members of Mt. Zion Baptist church.

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### F. C. BATDORF.

F. C. Batdorf, of the firm of Batdorf & Berry, dealers in dry goods and shoes, at St. Paris, this county, was born in that city and has lived there all his life, with the exception of a period during his youth when his parents were living on a farm in that neighborhood. He was born on May 18, 1867, son of J. H. and Johanna (Bowersock) Batdorf, both of whom were born in this county and both of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, members of pioneer families in this section of the state.

J. H. Batdorf was born on a farm in Johnson township on December 13, 1839, son of Samuel and Susan Batdorf, who had come here from Pennsylvania, and on the pioneer farm of his parents he grew to manhood. He married Johanna Bowersock, who was born at Carysville, in Adams township in October, 1843, daughter of Samuel Bowersock and wife, who also

had come out here from Pennsylvania and had at first settled on a farm near Fletcher, over in Miami county, but who later moved over into this county and settled at Carysville, where Samuel Bowersock engaged in the general mercantile business, a few years later moving to St. Paris and establishing a store on the site of the store now operated by Batdorf & Berry. For a time after his marriage J. H. Batdorf made his home in St. Paris and then moved to a farm in Jackson township, where he continued to make his home until 1887, in which year he returned to St. Paris. In the meantime, in 1885, he had become connected in the dry goods business at St. Paris, under the firm name of Mitchell & Batdorf, and continued connected with that business until 1902, when both he and his partner retired, the business at that time being taken over by the present firm of Batdorf & Berry, which has since been very successfully conducting the same. J. H. Batdorf was quite active in the political affairs of the community during the period of his activities and served for many years as assessor of Jackson township, and was long regarded as one of the local leaders of the Democratic party in that part of the county. He and his wife were both active members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of two children, sons both, the subject of this sketch having an elder brother, W. H. Batdorf, now living at Columbus, the state capital.

F. C. Batdorf was reared on the farm, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and remained there until his parents removed to St. Paris in 1887, when he became identified with the affairs of the store with which his father was connected and has ever since been thus engaged in association with his partner, having taken over the business when his father and Mr. Mitchell retired in 1902, the store since then being conducted under the firm name of Batdorf & Berry. Mr. Batdorf is an energetic and enterprising business man and has ever since becoming connected with the business interests of St. Paris given his earnest attention to the general development of the material interests of that town. He is a Democrat and takes a good citizen's interest in local politics, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On April 10, 1890, F. C. Batdorf was united in marriage to Susan Brown, daughter of Levi and Maria Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Batdorf have a pleasant home at St. Paris and give proper attention to the general social activities of their home town, helpful in the promotion of all worthy local causes. Mr. Batdorf, is a charter member of St. Paris Lodge No. 344, Knights of Pythias, and is past chancellor commander of the lodge, in the affairs of which he has ever taken a warm and active interest.



## WALDO E. ZERKEL.

One of the successful educators of Champaign county, who has won distinctive prestige in his chosen vocation while yet a young man is Waldo E. Zerkel, superintendent of the Concord consolidated schools. He was born in Bebee, Arkansas, December 4, 1890. He is a son of E. C. and Rebecca (Leonard) Zerkel, both natives of Mad River township, Champaign county, and there they grew to maturity and attended the public schools. Later E. C. Zerkel taught school for some time in the schools of his native county. He finally removed with his family to Arkansas, where he continued teaching. Upon returning to Champaign county, Ohio, he again resumed teaching but eventually turned his attention to farming. He was regarded as one of the ablest teachers in the common schools in his day and his services were in good demand. He is now living near Thackery, Ohio. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife belong to the Methodist church at Terre Haute, Ohio. They are parents of five children, named as follow: Waldo E., of this sketch; Elva, who was educated in the high school at Thackery, is single and lives at Tremont City, Ohio; Nettie, who was also educated in the Thackery high school, is the wife of Gail Brenner and they live at Bellefontaine, Ohio; Samuel is a student in the high school at Terre Haute, Ohio; and Erma, who is now (1917) four years old.

Waldo E. Zerkel was eighteen months old when his parents brought him from Arkansas to Champaign county, Ohio. Here he grew to manhood and when a boy attended the high school at Thackery, from which he was graduated in 1909. He then entered Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, where he made an excellent record and from which he was graduated, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He has since done post-graduate work there. After leaving college he followed in the footsteps of his father in a professional way and took up teaching which he has continued to the present time, being very successful from the start. He has remained a deep student and has therefore kept fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession. As superintendent of the Concord consolidated schools he is giving entire satisfaction to the board, the pupils and patrons. He has introduced various new and modern methods and has everything under a superb system. He gives promise of ranking among the leading men in educational affairs in the state in future years.

Mr. Zerkel was married in July 12, 1916, to Helen Snarr, a native of

Champaign county, and a daughter of Jacob and Carena (Packer) Snarr. She has enjoyed excellent educational advantages. After graduating from the Urbana high school she took the normal training course in Wittenberg College at Springfield, after which she taught school successfully until her marriage. They have one child, Leonard Snarr, born May 11, 1917.

Politically, Mr. Zerkel is a Democrat. He is a member of the Concord Methodist church, and is teaching the young men's class in the Sunday school.

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### GEORGE W. PENCE.

One of the well-known farmers of Jackson township, this county, is George W. Pence, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred and thirty acres on the Kirkpatrick road two miles south of St. Paris. He was born on what is known as the old Brubaker farm, one mile south of St. Paris, January 22, 1848, the son of Allen and Sarah (Riker) Pence, both of whom were natives of this county.

Allen Pence was born on the old Pence homestead farm in Johnson township, this county, east of St. Paris, the son of Isaac Pence, who came from Virginia to Champaign county, Ohio, being among the early settlers of the county. After his marriage to Sarah Riker, Allen Pence continued to live on the old home farm for a few years, two of their children being born there. They then moved to Jackson township, where they lived the remainder of their lives. Allen Pence was a successful and well-to-do farmer and stockman, and during his lifetime accumulated about seven hundred acres of land, always investing any surplus capital he had in land, this being in his judgment the safest investment. He was a Democrat in politics, and active in the councils of his party, being a man of strong convictions. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living: Mary, deceased, who was the wife of James Wiant, also deceased; B. F. A., a farmer of Jackson township; George W., of this review; Winfield, living in Maryland; Elenora, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of James Martin, of Dayton, Ohio; Mandy, widow of Leer Smith, of St. Paris, Ohio, and Lottie, wife of Wilson Baker, of Urbana, Ohio.

George W. Pence was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Jackson township, receiving his education in the district schools of his home township. After his marriage he started out in life for himself on eighty acres of land in Jackson township, and has since made this place his home, on the old Grafton

farm. Here he has carried on general farming and stock raising, and that he has been unusually successful in his chosen calling is attested by the fact that he added to his land holdings until he became the owner of three hundred and thirty acres of fine farming land in the township. However, he now has but two hundred and thirty acres, having divided one hundred acres between his two children. For many years he and his brother, B. F. A. Pence, were engaged in importing and breeding thoroughbred Shire horses, in which they were very successful. However, Mr. Pence has discontinued that branch of farming, and now devotes his attention to the breeding and selling of thoroughbred Polled Durham cattle and hogs. Besides his farming-interests, Mr. Pence is a stockholder and director in the St. Paris Grain Company.

On March 1, 1873, George W. Pence was united in marriage to Minerva Long, daughter of Sampson and Elizabeth Long, residents of Johnson township, and to this union have been born two children: Cory, living on part of her father's farm, married Dove Ward, and is the mother of two children, Grace and Harold; and Otie, the wife of Ira E. Hance, of Indianapolis, Indiana, is the mother of two children, Richard and Georgotta.

Mr. Pence is a Democrat in politics, but has never taken a very active part in political matters, although interested in the social and civic betterment of his community.

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### MARTIN LUTHER BENEDICT.

Martin Luther Benedict lives on his farm, rural route number eleven, near Tremont City, Champaign county, Ohio. He was born in Benton county, Indiana, February 10, 1864, a son of Levi and Mahala (Kolb) Benedict. His father was born in Ohio and his mother in Indiana. Levi Benedict is a son of Martin Benedict, who, with his family moved to Benton county, Indiana, in an early day. Here Levi was reared and educated and was married, and continued to live until his death, in 1912. His wife is still living in Benton county, Indiana. They were farmers and were the parents of seven children, four of whom are still living: Martin L., our subject; John F., a farmer in Colorado; Albert, a farmer in Benton county, Indiana; Hattie, unmarried, living at home.

Martin L. Benedict was reared on a farm in Benton county, Indiana, and received his education in the district schools of that county. After arriving at the age of twenty-one, he rented a farm and engaged in farming on his own account. March 3, 1891, he was married to Emma Jordan, who

was born in Pike county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood. After marriage they settled on a rented farm in Benton county, and continued to live there until 1914, when they bought a farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres in Mad River township, north of Springfield, Ohio. They removed here and have since made this their home. They have one son, Orville, J., born January 15, 1892. He graduated in the schools at Oxford, Indiana, in the class of 1909. He married Ellen M. Edwards, of Benton county, Indiana, June 8, 1915. He is a member of Oxford Lodge No. 191, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Benedict are members of the Church of Christ, of Springfield, Ohio. He affiliates with the Democratic party.

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### C. F. NAGEL.

C. F. Nagel, contractor and farmer, living near St. Paris, Jackson township, Champaign county, was born in Brooklyn, New York, in August, 1858. He is a son of George and Carlena (Duffrin) Nagel, both natives of Germany, from which country they immigrated to New York City when young and there they were married and began housekeeping, living in Brooklyn for some time. The father worked at his trade of coppersmith. Later he moved to Canada and there learned the stone mason's trade. After spending three years in Canada he moved to Ohio, locating on a farm near Urbana, which he bought, and he carried on general farming and his trade of stone mason. He finally erected three buildings in Urbana and moved thereto, spending the rest of his life there. He and his wife belonged to the German Lutheran church. They were parents of eleven children, namely: C. F., of this sketch; George D. lives at Christiansburg, Ohio; Carrie is the wife of Frank Hubert of Detroit, Michigan; Mattie is the widow of Will King and she lives in Detroit; Maggie is the widow of Will McDonald and she makes her home in Urbana, Ohio; Fred lives in Urbana; Will is a contractor of Piqua, this state.

C. F. Nagel was about thirteen years old when he came to Champaign county. He received a common school education in Canada and in this county. He learned the stone mason's trade under his father, and when twenty-one years old started out in life for himself, locating in Jackson township and he has continued to make his home here, working at his trade. On November 28, 1880, he married Emma Johnson, a daughter of

Samuel C. Johnson and wife. She was born October 22, 1862, on a farm just across the road from the Nagel homestead and there she grew up. She attended the public schools. Two children were born to this union, namely: Bennie died at the age of two years; and Vannie, born in 1882, was graduated from the common schools, and she is now the wife of F. C. Slusser; they make their home with her father. Samuel C. Johnson, who was one of the pioneers of Jackson township, reclaimed this land from the wilderness and here spent the rest of his life. He walked from Cincinnati, carrying his ax, with which he cleared a place large enough for his log cabin, then returned to Cincinnati and brought his mother and sister and their few household effects overland in a one-horse wagon. Later he returned to Cincinnati a second time for his bride and married Mary A. Fitzpatrick, who was at that time only sixteen years old. She has lived on the home place here sixty-five years and has survived her husband thirty-three years, Mr. Johnson's death having occurred in 1884. She has lived to see the country transformed from a sparsely settled wilderness to one of the leading agricultural sections in Ohio.

Politically, Mr. Nagel is a Republican. He and his wife and Mrs. Mary A. Johnson are members of the Universalist church at Conover, in which Mr. Nagel is a deacon and has long been active.

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#### RICHARD LEE.

Richard Lee, the subject of this sketch, was born in Mad River township, June 15, 1844. He is living on his farm known as "Locust Hill Farm," consisting of two hundred and thirty-seven acres, located in Mad River township, Champaign county, eight miles southwest of Urbana, Ohio. He is a son of John G. and Mary (Idle) Lee. John G. Lee was born near Mount Tabor, this county, and his father died before he was born. John G. was born, April 8, 1816. His wife was born May 18, 1815; they were married July 10, 1842. He died February 9, 1865; she died January 22, 1894. When they were married he had one-fifth interest in eighty acres of land. During his life he increased his acreage until he had six hundred and seventy acres of land, the richest landowner in the township.

Richard Lee, being the oldest in the family, took the responsibility and care of the family. He remained at home until September 9, 1865, when he moved here into an old log house. He lived here until his father's

death, when he rented the old farm. He built his house in 1879, and his barns about 1904. He married Victoria Kiser, who was born in the Mad River valley, August 2, 1845, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Yarnell) Kiser, she of Maryland and he of this county. They have one son, Ward J., born October 1, 1871. He was a student of the Urbana high school, and was a teacher for eight years. He married Mary B. Leber, of Tremont City, Ohio. He farmed and was in the automobile business. He then went to Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, an official of the Pacific Electric railroad. They have two children, Richard and Nellie. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and an Elk.

Mrs. Lee is a member of the Baptist church in Terre Haute. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at St. Paris, and in political matters he affiliates with the Democrats, though he does not take an active part in politics. His farming interests are sufficient to occupy his time and he devotes his attention and his activities in that direction.

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### WILLIAM F. KIZER.

William F. Kizer, farmer, of Concord township, was born in Johnson township, this county, on a farm two and one-half miles north of St. Paris, November 9, 1849. He is a son of Daniel and Mary (Barger) Kizer. The mother was born in this county about 1820, her family having settled here in early pioneer times. Daniel Kizer, son of Joseph and Catherine Kizer, was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1811, and, when a child, his parents brought him by wagon to Champaign county, Ohio, the family being among the pioneer settlers here. Here Daniel Kizer grew to manhood, helped to clear and develop the home farm, and after his marriage he settled two and one-half miles north of St. Paris in Johnson township and lived there until he moved to Concord township. He started out on a small scale, but by industry and good management he became one of the leading farmers of his locality, accumulating by his own efforts a valuable farm of three hundred and forty acres. He was a Democrat, and was active in church affairs. His family consisted of five children, three of whom are living in 1917, namely: William F.; Joseph J.; Samuel P. died on May 22, 1917; Cora is the wife of A. C. Thacher of Urbana, this county; George N., deceased.

William F. Kizer was reared on the home farm, where he worked when





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a boy, and in the winter time he attended the district schools in Concord township, where his parents moved when he was four years old. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years old. In June, 1879, he married Rebecca J. Grove, who was born in Johnson township, Champaign county, and there she grew to womanhood and attended the common schools. Her father, Joseph Grove, is mentioned specifically in later paragraphs. After his marriage Mr. Kizer located on his present farm and has been here ever since. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, six miles northwest of Urbana, in Concord township, where he has carried on general agricultural pursuits with gratifying results.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kizer, namely: Mary O. is the wife of Blair Stickley; D. J. married Ethel Johnson; James L., who is single, lives at home and is assisting with the work on the farm; Elmer C. is also working on the home place.

Politically, Mr. Kizer is a Democrat and is at present one of the trustees of Concord township. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Concord and is a member of the official board.

Joseph Grove was born in what is now Page county, Virginia, February 17, 1821, and came to this county with his mother, Catherine Grove, in 1826. They located in Jackson township and remained there till 1837, when he went to learn wagon-making with John Turner, of Mad River township. He moved to Millerstown in 1838, where he completed his trade in 1841 and then for two years worked at carpentering and cabinet-making. In 1843 he resumed his former trade which he followed at Millerstown till 1870, when he moved onto his farm in section 33, of Concord township, and was thereafter engaged at various kinds of work, clearing, building and working some at his trade. He was postmaster at Millerstown about twenty years, was treasurer of Johnson township several years, trustee of Concord township three or four years and was justice of the peace several terms. He died in Concord township, aged about sixty-six years.

In August, 1845, Mr. Grove married Polly Houser, by whom he had two children, Lydia A. (now Mrs. John Heitz, of Indiana) is the surviving one; Polly Grove departed this life on March 11, 1848. On March 24, 1850, Mr. Grove married Mary Strickler, who was born on March 7, 1828, a native of this county, but who was reared in Allen county, Ohio, and who died at the age of sixty-four years. Joseph and Mary Grove became the parents of four children, namely: Rebecca J. (now Mrs. W. F. Kizer), Elisha J., Laura M. E. and Minerva Catherine.

## WILLIAM A. NIXON.

William A. Nixon, of the firm of Fromme & Nixon, furniture and undertaking, at St. Paris; president of the Nixon Remedy Company of that city, former city treasurer, former city councilman, for nine years president of the city school board, a director of the Farmers Telephone Company and in other ways identified with the civic and business interests of his home town and of Champaign county in general, is a Virginian, but has been a resident of this state since the days of his young manhood and of St. Paris since the middle eighties. He was born at Boothsville in Taylor county, West Virginia, then a part of the Old Dominion, June 13, 1854, son of Robert P. and Catherine (Hayhurst) Nixon, both of whom were born in that county and the latter of whom is still living there at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Robert P. Nixon was born on January 10, 1818, and grew up at Boothsville, where he married Catherine Hayhurst, who was born at that same place on May 23, 1825 and there he established his home, spending his whole life there on a farm, his death occurring in June, 1896; and there his widow is still living. Robert P. Nixon completed his schooling in the university at Morgantown and was one of the best-educated men in his community. For forty years he taught school, helped to establish the free-school system in his community and was ever helpful to the youth of the region over which his admirable influence was for so many years exerted in all good ways. He also for some time served as county surveyor and in that capacity helped lay out most of the public roads in that county in the early days. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church and took an active part in church work. When the question of secession reached its crisis in Virginia Robert P. Nixon was one of the Union's most ardent champions in that state and was one of the leaders in his community in the movement that presently resulted in the creation of the new state of West Virginia in 1863 as a protest against the secession of the Old Dominion and he and Governor Pierpont organized the first company sent from that new state to aid the Union cause, Mr. Nixon going to the front and doing his duty as a soldier of the Union until the close of the war. To Robert P. Nixon and wife thirteen children were born. Of these children ten grew to maturity and eight are still living, all past fifty years of age. The ten who grew to maturity are as follow: S. A. Nixon, of Deer Creek, Illinois; the Rev. A. B. Nixon, a minister of the Baptist church, who died at the age of sixty-

seven years; the Rev. H. A. Nixon a minister of the Baptist church, who also was sixty-seven years of age at the time of his death in 1916; William A., the subject of this biographical sketch; Mrs. Ella C. Robinson, John S. Nixon, Mrs. Addie N. Cornwell, Harvey R. Nixon and Mrs. Alice Robinson, all of Deer Creek, Illinois, and Wayland L. Nixon, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Upon completing the course in the common schools of his home county William A. Nixon took a course in the West Virginia College at Farmington. He taught three terms of school in his home state and then, at the age of twenty-one years, came over into Ohio and entered the National Normal School at Lebanon, teaching school during the winters and attending the normal during the summers, and was thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time he began clerking in a general store at Troy, this state. A year later he was made manager of a store at Kirkwood and remained at that place for two years, at the same time acting as postmaster of Kirkwood. He then came over into Champaign county and engaged in the grocery business at St. Paris, doing business under the firm name of Nixon & Frazier, an arrangement which continued for two years, at the end of which time, on January 16, 1887, he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Albert Fromme, in the furniture and undertaking line at St. Paris, the two taking over the old-established concern of Frederick Fromme and has ever since been engaged in that line, the firm doing business under the firm style of Fromme & Nixon, one of the leading furniture and undertaking concerns in that part of the state. Mr. Nixon is a Republican and ever since he came to this county has taken an active interest in political affairs. For two terms he served as treasurer of the city of St. Paris, served three terms as a member of the city council and for nine years as president of the local school board, in all of these important public capacities giving his most intelligent attention to the needs of the city. Mr. Nixon is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Telephone Company at St. Paris and president of the Nixon Remedy Company of St. Paris, an incorporated concern established by himself.

On September 22, 1886, William A. Nixon was united in marriage to Clara Fromme, who was born at St. Paris, daughter of Frederick and Frances Fromme, the former of whom for years was one of the leading merchants of that city and proper and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to that union three children were born, namely: Nellie, wife of Prof. O. Garfield Jones, of Sioux City, Iowa; Herman W., who is living at Redland, California, where he is connected with the Mutual Orange Distributors Association, and Jessie May, who is at home. The mother of

these children died on October 9, 1903, and on September 22, 1907, Mr. Nixon married Susie May Nitchman, daughter of Thomas and Rosetta Nitchman, of St. Paris, and to this union two children have been born, daughters, Ruth Virginia and Mary Lucile, twins, born on July 4, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon are members of the Baptist church, Mr. Nixon being a deacon of the local congregation, and take a proper part in local church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home town, helpful in promoting all worthy causes. Mr. Nixon is a member of Pharos Lodge No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons; of St. Paris Lodge No. 344, Knights of Pythias and of St. Paris Lodge No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the affairs of all of which organizations he takes a warm interest. He is past noble grand of the Odd Fellow lodge and is a member of the encampment of that order.

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### FRANK D. BRUBAKER.

Frank D. Brubaker, an enterprising and leading citizen of St. Paris, and one of the largest landowners in Champaign county, was born in St. Paris, Ohio, November 23, 1880, the son of Daniel J. and Mary A. (Wibel) Brubaker, natives of Johnson township, this county.

Daniel J. Brubaker was born on a farm in Champaign county, the son of Jacob Brubaker, who came in an early day from Virginia, being one of the early pioneers of this section. He was of German ancestry and traced his family back to the Fatherland. He was a comparatively poor man, and lived and died here in this county. Daniel J. Brubaker started out in life for himself on a small tract of land, but by diligent effort and far sighted management, he gradually acquired a large amount of good farming land in this county, and in 1869 moved to St. Paris, where he engaged in the elevator business, establishing the firm of Welcanmode & Brubaker, which was later merged into that of Brubaker & McMorran, and this firm was afterwards changed to S. & D. Brubaker, which continued until the death of Daniel Brubaker. He was a well-known and influential citizen, being always interested in the welfare of his community, a Baptist in faith, and always loyal to the church, being for years an officer in the local congregation. Besides the subject of this sketch, Daniel J. Brubaker had four sons by a previous marriage, these being as follow: Charles, living in Missouri; Samuel W., of Urbana, Ohio; Monroe, of Osborne, Ohio, and Gifford, also living in Missouri.

Frank D. Brubaker was educated in the public schools of St. Paris, and



at an early age entered his father's employ in the elevator business, learning the business from all angles. Prior to his father's death, for a period of three years, he had full charge of the business, and continued in this line after his father's death, to 1912, taking over the entire business after purchasing the interests of the other heirs, and since that time he has devoted his time exclusively to his many business interests. His father owned about eleven hundred acres of land at the time of his death, part of which was located in Missouri, and Mr. Brubaker devotes much time and attention to his farm holdings. Besides his elevator business and land interests, he is also a stockholder, and at one time a director of the First National Bank, of St. Paris, of which his father was for years a stockholder and director, the elder Brubaker having served as president of this financial institution several years.

Frank D. Brubaker was united in marriage to Myrtle Musselman on July 3, 1912. She is a daughter of Anderson A. and Harriet (Williams) Musselman, who were former citizens of Logan county, this state. In later years, however, they moved to Champaign county, where Mr. Musselman's death occurred, his widow now living in St. Paris.

He is independent in politics, preferring to vote for measures rather than for men, and whatever makes for the betterment of his community has his warm and ardent support.

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### JASPER N. DAVIS.

Among the enterprising and progressive farmers of Jackson township, Champaign county, is Jasper N. Davis, owner of a well-kept and compact farm of seventy-five acres situated on rural route No. 3 out of St. Paris. Mr. Davis was born in Shelby county, Ohio, on July 10, 1851, the son of Ananiah and Phoebe (Sutton) Davis, the former of whom was born in Virginia in 1818 and the latter in Pike township, Clark county, Ohio, in 1819.

Ananiah Davis came with his parents to the state of Ohio in an early day, they being farming people. The son, Ananiah, settled on a farm in Shelby county and proceeded to engage in farming operations. Some time after he married Phoebe Sutton they came to Jackson township, this county, in 1854 and located near where Jasper N. Davis now lives. The land was all in woods and they commenced the task of breaking and preparing it for the cultivation of crops, living the while in a log cabin and battling cheerfully with the disadvantages of pioneer life and the absence of neighbors. His efforts to extract a living from the soil were successful and as the children

grew up they helped in the labors of the farm. He later built a substantial frame house to supplant the log cabin which had done service for a residence for some years, and on this land he spent the remainder of his life. In his later years he and his wife became members of the Mt. Zion Baptist church and were earnest supporters of all its good works. They were the parents of eleven children, four of whom are living in 1917: Charity, the widow of David Beatty, who was a soldier in the Civil War and died from the effects of the wounds he received in that struggle; J. N. Davis, the subject of this sketch; Albert Davis, a farmer living in Indiana, and Jerry Davis, of Casstown, Ohio.

J. N. Davis was reared in Jackson township and educated in the district schools of Honey Creek, working on the farm during the summers and attending school during the winters until he was seventeen years old. At the age of eighteen he started to make his own way. He worked on farms and at other occupations. When he was nineteen he went to Grant county, Indiana, and bought forty acres of land, one and one-half miles south of Sims, for seven hundred dollars. The land was in a wilderness state. He paid down three hundred dollars of the purchase money and worked by the day and month to wipe out the balance of the debt. He then commenced to clear the land of the timber and brought it into a state suitable for the planting of crops.

On August 2, 1874, Jasper N. Davis was united in marriage to Elsie G. Talbert and remained in Jackson township for about two years. In October, 1876, he went to his farm in Grant county, Indiana, and lived there about three years. He improved his land, ditched it and planted it to crops, and at the end of three years he returned to Jackson township. On his return he became a renter and worked on the farm, continuing on rented land for six years. He is now the owner of seventy-five acres of prime land and is successfully engaged in general farming. They were the parents of one child, a son, Osie Elliott, who died at the early age of four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, he being affiliated with that church since he was seventeen years of age. He is one of the trustees and also acts as treasurer of the church, he and his wife being ever active in promoting all good works in connection with the organization and the community at large. Mr. Davis has always been a consistent supporter of the Democratic party and has filled the office of township ditch commissioner for some years and in other ways he has given freely of his time and energy in the interests of the common good, ever being regarded as a progressive citizen.

## RALPH W. JOHNSON.

Ralph W. Johnson, a farmer living in Concord township, Champaign county, was born July 14, 1888, on the farm he now owns. He is a son of Silas and Sarah E. (Wiedman) Johnson. The mother was born at Kings Creek, Champaign county, August 2, 1845, and died May 26, 1915. The father was born April 17, 1845, and his death occurred on April 12, 1909. They were both members of the Methodist church in which they were active workers. He was also identified with local politics, being a strong Democrat. They spent their lives on a farm in Concord township, and they were parents of seven children, five of whom are living in 1917, namely: Fred N. is farming in Harrison township, this county; Lella is the wife of Fred Herst and they live in this county; Charles A. is farming in Salem township; Emma is the wife of Charles Bear and they live on a farm west of Urbana; Anna, now deceased, was the wife of Joseph Hewling and they had two children; Frank died when eighteen years old, and Ralph W., of this sketch.

Ralph W. Johnson was reared on the home farm in Concord township and there he attended the public schools, also Kings Creek high school. On December 25, 1908, he married Lula E. Robinson. She was born in Adams county, Ohio, July 24, 1888. She received a good education in the public schools and Kings Creek high school. Before her marriage she taught school for some time. She is a daughter of Jesse E. and Anna B. (Ather-ton) Robinson, both natives of Ohio, he of Adams county and she of Brown county. They came to Champaign county on December 13, 1902, and here established their future home on a farm, but are now farming in Miami county, this state.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, namely: Merrill R., born November 30, 1909; and Esther, born October 14, 1915.

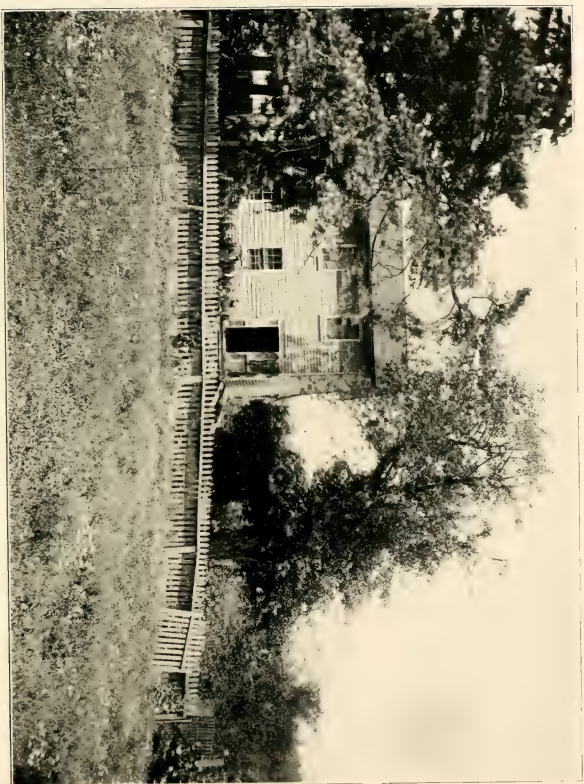
After his marriage Mr. Johnson moved to Logan county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm. Two years later he sold out, returned to Champaign county and bought the old home farm in Concord township, which consists of two hundred acres of excellent land. He has kept it well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. In connection with general farming he carries on stock raising and is a breeder of high grade stock of all kinds. He finds a very ready market for his stock whenever offered for sale owing to their high quality.

Politically, he is an independent. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church at Kings Creek.

## DAVID FULWIDER.

Among the successful farmers and highly respected citizens of Salem township, Champaign county, of a generation ago, whose names are worthy of perpetuation on the pages of local history, was David Fulwider, who, like many other pioneer settlers of the county, hailed originally from the Old Dominion. He was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, August 5, 1803, and his death occurred on March 3, 1886. He was a son of Henry and Ann (Klein) Fulwider, natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they finally moved to Virginia where they were married, and there devoted their lives to farming. The father was also an extensive stock raiser for those early times. The only member of the family who ever came to Champaign county, Ohio, was David of this memoir. He came here when a young man and settled in Urbana, where he was married on April 29, 1830. In 1833 he moved to Salem township, buying one hundred acres of land, where his son, George, and two daughters, Nancy Ann and Mary E., are now living. He cleared and developed the place from the wilderness, later adding eighty acres to his original tract, and here he established a comfortable home, in which he reared his entire family. His wife, known as Elizabeth P. Mayse prior to her marriage, was born January 4, 1812, and her death occurred on August 21, 1900. She was a daughter of William and Nancy (Burgiss) Mayse. To David Fulwider and wife ten children were born, namely: Henry, William M., George, John R., David A., Nancy Ann, Mary E., Vashti, Dr. Robert M. and James. The mother of these children was an infant when her parents brought her to Champaign county, in 1812, the family making the long journey on horseback, being thus among the early pioneers of this section of Ohio. The Mayses first settled in the Kings creek valley, where they spent two years, then sold out and bought a farm on the Ludlow line, remaining there until 1817, when they moved to town, where Mr. Mayse followed his trade of tanner and also conducted a butcher shop, continuing in these pursuits until his death. His family consisted of ten children, Elizabeth P., who married the subject of this sketch, being the eldest child.

George, Nancy Ann and Mary E. Fulwider, who are now living on the old home place, where they were born, are the oldest natives in Salem township. They were born in a log cabin and they have lived on the same farm all their lives, keeping the place well improved and well cultivated. During the Civil War George enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-



OLD FULLWIDER HOMESTEAD, SALEM TOWNSHIP.





second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Henry Patterson, serving four and one-half months. The home farm now contains two hundred and forty-four acres, all under cultivation except twenty-five acres. George, Nancy Ann and Mary E. are now growing old, but they are well preserved and active, although not now actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, merely looking after the place in a general way. Everybody knows them and esteems them highly, for they have lived quiet, honorable and helpful lives, doing what they could for the betterment of their locality in any way. None of the three have ever married. In religious belief, Mary E. is a Methodist and Nancy Ann is a Lutheran.

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### JOHN M. MADDEX.

John M. Maddex, former mayor of Mechanicsburg, former president of the school board there, a former member of the town council, former trustee of Goshen township and formerly justice of the peace in and for that same township, formerly and for years engaged in the grain business at Mechanicsburg, later serving for some years as assistant cashier of the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg, but who since 1912 has been engaged in farming on the F. M. Clemans farm, on the Mechanicsburg and London pike, four miles southeast of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, is a native of the Old Dominion state, was reared in Virginia and has been a resident of Champaign county since he was twenty-two years of age. He was born in Clark county, Virginia, September 25, 1857, son of James S. and Amanda (Melvin) Maddex, whose last days were spent at Uvilla, West Virginia.

James S. Maddex was a cooper by trade and followed that trade all his life. He was married in Clark county, Virginia, and some years later, in 1858, moved to Uvilla, in Jefferson county, same state, and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He threw in his allegiance to the forces of the South and for three years served as drum-major in the famous brigade of "Stonewall" Jackson. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church South, in the faith of which their children were reared. There were twelve of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Joseph H., of Goshen township, this county; Butler L., of Union township, this county; James J., of Richwood, Ohio; L. Dowell, who died in Maryland; Mary E., deceased; Catherine, who died in Jefferson

county, West Virginia; Lee, who also died in that county; Amanda, who died at the same place; Jennie, wife of Thomas Link, of that same county; Rose, wife of Byrn Maddex, of that same county, and Ewell, now a resident of Maryland.

John M. Maddex was less than a year old when his parents moved from his birthplace in Clark county, Virginia, to Jefferson county, same state, which county became comprised within the boundaries of West Virginia when that state was created in 1863, and in that latter county he grew to manhood, received his schooling in the schools of Uvilla, in the neighborhood of Duffields. When twenty-two years of age, in 1879, he came to Ohio and began working on the farm of Henry Wood, in Goshen township, this county, and on November 29, 1882, was united in marriage to Ella Wood, daughter of Henry and Catherine Wood. After his marriage he began working in the Hunter elevator at Mechanicsburg and was thus engaged until Mr. Hunter's death in 1884, when he became a partner in the management of the grain business at that elevator, continuing thus engaged until the elevator was sold in 1909. Upon retiring from the grain business in 1909, Mr. Maddex became the assistant cashier of the Farmers Bank at Mechanicsburg and served in that capacity until his retirement from the bank in 1912 and removal to the farm on which he is now living and where he since has made his residence. Mr. Maddex is a Democrat and has for years given his close attention to local political affairs. He served for one term as a member of the town council while living at Mechanicsburg and later a term as mayor. He also served two terms as president of the city school board and in other ways gave of his time and energies to the public service. He has also served one term as trustee of Goshen township and a term as justice of the peace in and for that township and in consequence of his long continued public service is one of the best-known men in that part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddex have three children, two sons and a daughter, Walter O., who is farming four miles north of Mechanicsburg; H. Carl, who is now living at Jackson Center, in the adjoining county of Shelby, and Almeda, wife of Harry Fitzgiven, of Goshen township. They are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Mechanicsburg and take an active interest in church work, Mr. Maddex having served on the official board of the church. He is a Mason, as was his father and as are his two sons, and has for years taken an active interest in Masonic affairs, having attained to the Royal Arch and the York Rite, past master of the local lodge of the

Free and Accepted Masons at Mechanicsburg, a member of the chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at that place, and of Raper Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, at Urbana.

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### CHARLES A. HILL.

Charles A. Hill, the enterprising shoe merchant of Christiansburg, who for many years has been actively identified with the business life of the village, was born in this county, December 27, 1853, the son of Henry and Mary (Benton) Hill, both of whom were natives of Cambridgeshire, England.

Henry Hill was born in the town of March, England, and was reared to manhood in Cambridgeshire, and there he learned the trade of boot and shoemaker, and worked at this business while still living in his native land. Mary Benton, his wife, was also a native of Cambridgeshire, and their oldest child was born in England. In 1851, or thereabouts, they came to America, locating first in Piqua, Ohio, where Mr. Hill entered the employ of a manufacturer of hand-made shoes, and with whom he remained for about two years. In October, 1853, he came with his family to Christiansburg, this county, where he engaged in the business of shoemaking on his own account, in which he continued until 1876, when he took his son, Charles A., into partnership in the business, the latter taking active charge of the store, while his father engaged in the fruit tree and nursery business, in which he continued the remainder of his life, his death occurring in April, 1887. His widow survived him for some years, passing away in April, 1899. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom grew to maturity and are still living: Eliza, the wife of Charles Garver, of DeGraff, Ohio; Jennie, deceased; Charles A., the immediate subject of this review; William H., of Christiansburg; John, also a resident of Christiansburg; Harry, of Christiansburg, and Frank, of Spring Hills, Ohio. Henry Hill and wife were earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, always taking a warm interest in all church affairs. Mr. Hill was a Democrat in politics, and strong in his belief and support of the principles of that party.

Charles A. Hill was reared in the village of Christiansburg, receiving his education in the public schools of the village. From his boyhood he was employed in his father's shoe business, and is thoroughly well acquainted and experienced in all the details of the shoe business, and has made a success in his line, having a large patronage in the village and surrounding country.

On April 3, 1879, Charles A. Hill was married to Clara Robinson, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, near Lena, but came to Champaign county as a girl with her parents. To this union were born three children: Zaidee, who died in May, 1899, at the age of nineteen years; Charles Otto, who is employed with his father in his store, and Mary Cora Bright. The mother of these children died January 21, 1899. She was a faithful and loving wife and mother.

Mr. Hill is a Democrat in politics, and takes a warm interest in all local public matters. He served as postmaster of Christiansburg from 1888 to 1890, and was also township treasurer for four successive terms. Fraternally, he is a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 226, Free and Accepted Masons, and served as treasurer of this lodge for a period of twenty years. He also holds membership in St. Paris Chapter No. 85, Royal Arch Masons.

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#### CHESTER P. ABBOTT.

Chester P. Abbott, a farmer and stock raiser of Concord township, Champaign county, was born March 12, 1882, in the locality where he still resides. He is the owner of "Cedar Lawn Farm," his place consisting of sixty-three and one-half acres. He is a son of William J. and Emily V. (Compton) Abbott, whose history is given in full in another part of this volume, is residing in Urbana.

The family of William J. and Emily V. (Compton) Abbott numbered ten children, eight of whom are still living, namely: Charles is living in Chicago, where he is engaged in the real-estate business; Anna is the wife of Walter Wilson, of Concord township, Champaign county; John H. lives in Concord township; Minnie is the wife of Dr. William Hinkle lives in Degraff, Ohio; Maude is the wife of D. H. Taylor, of Urbana, Ohio; Ona is the wife of Dr. C. E. Stadler, of Lima, Ohio; Ora is the wife of Dr. F. F. Barger, of Urbana township, this county; and Chester P. of this sketch: the other two children died in early life.

Chester P. Abbott was reared on the home farm in Concord township, and he received his education in the local rural schools. He worked on the home farm with his father until he was twenty-one years old when he started out in life for himself.

Mr. Abbott was married on March 12, 1902, to Zola M. Coleman, who was born in Concord township, the date of her birth being June 3, 1882. She

is a daughter of James and Ida (Bruner) Coleman. She was reared in Missouri, Kansas and Ohio and attended school in all those states, and was graduated from the common schools. She attended the high school in Eris for a while.

After his marriage Mr. Abbott located on a farm in Concord township, Champaign county, living on the Taylor place until 1910, when he moved to his present farm of sixty-three and one-half acres, six miles northwest of Urbana. He is carrying on general farming and stock raising. He also buys and feeds stock by the carload. He is an excellent judge of all kinds of live stock.

To Mr. and Mrs. Abbott one daughter has been born, Clara L., whose birth occurred on April 24, 1903. She is in school at Eris.

Politically, Mr. Abbott is a Republican. He attends the Methodist church at Concord of which his wife is a member.

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#### CHARLES E. FAULKNER.

Charles E. Faulkner, former sheriff of Champaign county, a farmer living on rural route No. 4, Urbana, Ohio, was born in Mad River township, this county, August 2, 1866, a son of George W. and Mary (West) Faulkner, both natives of Jackson township, Champaign county, Ohio. The father was born in 1844.

George W. Faulkner, father of our subject, was a leading politician in the county, affiliating with the Republican party and actively interested in the promotion of his party principles. He was the father of six children, five of whom are now (1917) living: Charles E., our subject; John E., of Mad River township; Lottie, wife of Clinton Neese, of Mad River township; Willie G., a farmer of Mad River township; Ellen, widow of George Davis.

Charles E. Faulkner, subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm in Mad River township, receiving his education in the district schools which he attended during the winter season. He remained at home working on the farm until he was twenty-three years of age. December 25, 1889, he was married to Joanna Jenkins, who was born in Terre Haute, Mad River township, October 1, 1872. After marriage Mr. Faulkner worked by the day at ditching for a few years, and at such other farm work as was afforded in the neighborhood. He afterward bought a small tract of ground which,

with other rented ground he cultivated, farming in Concord township. He was appointed deputy sheriff under Floyd Powell and served in this capacity for about two years, and, on account of the death of the sheriff Mr. Faulkner was appointed to that office and served the unexpired time. In 1914 he was elected sheriff and served in that office from June 1, 1915, to January 1, 1917. In 1914 he purchased a farm of ninety acres in Mad River township and after retiring from the sheriff's office, in 1917, he removed to this farm, where his home now is. It is known as the Henry Runyan farm and is a fine body of land.

There were twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner, nine of whom are now living: Wilbur L., who married Gladys Lee; Alpha C., married Edith Ensizor, and lives in Mad River township; Russell P., single, living at home; Theresa F., single, living at home; Goldie B., of Urbana, Ohio; Mary M., single, living at home; George W., at home; Howard C. and Nellie E., living at home. Three children died in infancy.

Mr. Faulkner is a member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, of Westville. Politically, he is a Republican and has always taken an active part in political campaigns.

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### JOHN W. ZIMMERMAN.

John W. Zimmerman, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers and stockmen of Concord township, this county, and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-one acres on rural mail route No. 7 out of Urbana, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Mad River township on March 21, 1850, son of George W. and Sarah (Berry) Zimmerman, both members of pioneer families in this county, whose last days were spent here.

George W. Zimmerman also was born in this county, son of George W. and Barbara (Norman) Zimmerman, natives of Virginia, who came to Ohio in 1808 and became prominent pioneer settlers in the west central part of this county, where they reared their family. The elder George W. Zimmerman was a son of Adam Zimmerman, who was one of the Hessian soldiers sent over to this country to help the British during the Revolutionary War. Adam Zimmerman was captured by patriot troops, later swore allegiance to the revolutionary cause, enlisted in General Washington's army and served with that command until the close of the war, afterward settling



in Rockingham county, Virginia, where he married and spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of three children, Barbara, Christina and George Washington, the latter of whom married Barbara Norman and emigrated to this county. At the same time his sister, Christina, married Christian Norman, a brother of Barbara, and the Normans also came to this county, the two families settling in what is now the lower part of Concord township, in the southwest corner of the same. The pioneer George W. Zimmerman presently erected a water mill in Mad River township, having there one of the first saw-mills in western Ohio, and John Norman erected a grist-mill, and at his saw-mill the timber which entered into the erection of the first houses built at Urbana and at St. Paris was sawed. He died at his home in Mad River township in 1840, of smallpox. He and his wife were the parents of five children, John, Joseph, George W., Isaac and Katie, the latter of whom married Jacob Whitmore. The junior George W. Zimmerman grew up on the pioneer farm in Mad River township and lived there all his life, a well-known and substantial farmer and miller. He married Sarah Berry, a daughter of David Berry who had a farm and a carding mill for the local wool growers. Her parents were pioneers of this county, and to that union were born five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Elizabeth J., Clarissa A., Sylvester B. and Ampy W. George W. Zimmerman was a prominent beekeeper.

John W. Zimmerman was reared on the home farm in Mad River township, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood, and has always been a farmer and stock raiser, now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-one acres in Concord township, which he has created one of the best farm plants in that part of the county. He has a good home and his own electric light plant in his house. Mr. Zimmerman is a Republican and has ever given his earnest attention to local political affairs, but has not been included in the office-seeking class. He is a member of St. Paris Lodge No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Russell Encampment No. 141, Patriarchs Militant, and takes a warm interest in Oddfellowship, one of the active workers in both the lodge and the encampment.

On March 26, 1872, John W. Zimmerman was united in marriage to Amanda M. Neer, also a member of one of Champaign county's pioneer families, and to this union three children have been born, of whom but one is now living, a daughter, Anna C., who married Theodore Idle and has one child, a daughter, Lolela. Of their other children, one died in infancy and Oliver B. died at the age of five years. Mr. Zimmerman is a member

of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church and takes a proper interest in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works and in the general social activities of the community in which they have lived all their lives. Mrs. Zimmerman died September 21, 1913.

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### AMOS N. COUCHMAN.

During his life of more than three score years in Salem township, Amos N. Couchman, well-known farmer, has seen a great transformation in his vicinity and Champaign county. He was born on a farm in this township, two miles south of West Liberty, February 26, 1843, a scion of one of our pioneer families, being a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Neer) Couchman. The father was a native of Berkeley county, in what is now West Virginia, where he grew to manhood and learned the blacksmith's trade. In an early day he moved to Champaign county, Ohio, and worked in different places. During the latter part of his life he resided south of West Liberty on a farm, known as the Reynolds place. However, he finally bought a farm in Harrison township, where he died, after which event his widow went to live with her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Wilson, in that township, and there her death occurred. Michael Couchman was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was twice married, first, in Virginia, to which union four children were born, namely: Mary, deceased; Henry, deceased; Sarah, who lives at Van Wert, Ohio, and Rebecca, deceased. Mr. Couchman's second wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Neer, had previously been married to a Mr. Demory, by whom she had four children, namely: John, Sarah, Susan and Matilda. The following children were born to Michael Couchman and his second wife: Jacob, deceased, married Mariam Daniels and they made their home in Indiana; Amanda is the widow of John Edwards and she lives in Missouri; George, now deceased, married Lizzie Craig, and they lived in Salem and Harrison townships, Champaign county; James, now deceased, married Mary Henderson, and they had one child, May; Lewis married a Miss Davis and they make their home in Topeka, Kansas; Emma, who married H. P. Wilson, is deceased; Amos N., subject of this sketch.

Amos N. Couchman was reared on the old home farm and received an excellent education in the local schools. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years old, then married Fidelia Rose, of Delaware



MR. AND MRS. AMOS N. COTCIAN.



county, Ohio, whose death occurred on February 2, 1917. To their union four children were born, namely: Vernon, who is single and lives at home, has been a dealer in woven wire for many years and is an expert fence builder; Clyde M., who lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, married Lizzie Mock, now deceased; Emma married Lawrence Hemenway and they live in West Liberty, Ohio; Milton died in infancy.

In his early career Mr. Couchman, of this sketch, followed school teaching with pronounced success for a period of fourteen years. After his marriage he located in Harrison township, Champaign county, and lived on various farms in different places until he purchased his present farm of sixty-six acres in Salem township, in 1877. He has made all the improvements now to be seen on the place and he has a comfortable home. He has been associated with his son for many years in dealing in woven wire fencing.

Politically, Mr. Couchman is a Republican. He is a member of Wesley chapel, Methodist Episcopal church, in Harrison township. He has always been active in school affairs and has served on the school board in his district, and was trustee for six years. He is a well posted man on all current topics and a leader in public affairs in his locality.

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### JACOB CHIDESTER.

Jacob Chidester, one of Champaign county's best-known farmers and "old settlers," an honored veteran of the Civil War and proprietor of a fine farm on the Milford pike in Goshen township, one and a half miles northeast of Mechanicsburg, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm on Tickle creek, in Goshen township, May 8, 1838, son of Isaac and Mary (Mitchell) Chidester, natives of Virginia, who came to Ohio in the early thirties and settled in Champaign county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Isaac Chidester was born in Harrison county, Virginia, June 17, 1806, and there grew to manhood and married Mary Mitchell, who was born in that same county on July 26, 1805. In the early thirties Isaac Chidester and his wife and the three or four children that were born to them in Virginia moved to Ohio, driving through in a covered wagon, and settled in Champaign county, establishing their home on what is now the Wing

farm in the neighborhood of Mechanicsburg, and later on the Thomas Douglas farm. Later Isaac Chidester moved into the village of Mechanicsburg and was there engaged in the grocery business at the time of his death in the early forties. By political persuasion Isaac Chidester was a Democrat, but never took a particularly active part in political affairs. He and his wife were devoted members of the Baptist church and for some years he served as a "local" preacher, being widely known in his day as an expounder of the Baptist faith hereabout. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the seventh in order of birth, the others being as follow: Jesse, born on September 15, 1827, who served as a soldier of the Confederate army during the Civil War and spent his last days in his native Virginia; Prudence, September 28, 1828, wife of Newton Guthridge, of Lima, Ohio; Amos Franklin, September 30, 1829, who died in Missouri; Johanna, November 23, 1830, who died unmarried at Flora, Illinois; Isaac, February 15, 1832, a veteran of the Civil War, a member of the Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, now living at Eureka Springs, Arkansas; Abraham, January 16, 1837, who also served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, his service being rendered during the latter part of the war; Mary, February 4, 1840, who married Richard Lansdale, who was killed in battle while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, and Granville Lawler, 1841, who enlisted as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and was killed at the battle of Port Republic and lies in an unknown grave at the scene of that battle.

Jacob Chidester was but two or three years of age when his father died at Mechanicsburg and he was reared in the household of an uncle on a farm on Brush lake in Goshen township, this county, receiving his schooling in the school of that neighborhood and early becoming a practical farmer, compelled to "do for himself" from the time he was twelve years of age. He was working as a farm hand in that vicinity at the time the Civil War broke out and on August 7, 1862, he enlisted for service and went to the front as a member of Company I, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was transferred the following July to the Tenth Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps, by general orders, and served with that command until the close of the war, being honorably discharged on July 17, 1865. After the battle of Gettysburg Mr. Chidester was transferred with the sick and wounded to New York City, where he was on duty during the time of the famous draft riot in that city. Later he was detailed as a mounted orderly to one of the generals in Washington, D. C., and was serving in that capacity in that city when the war came to a close. On



the night of the assassination of President Lincoln Mr. Chidester was present at the performance in Ford's Theater, which Mr. Lincoln was enjoying at the time of his assassination, and he thus is one of the very few surviving witnesses to that tragedy. Some years ago there was published in *The Ohio Farmer*, together with a portrait of Mr. Chidester, his own personal account of that historic tragedy and the same is regarded as so interesting and informative that it is here reproduced, as follows:

After the battle of Gettysburg I was sent to New York with the sick and wounded, as I was ill. I soon recovered and was detailed as General DeWitt's mounted orderly. Our headquarters in Washington, D. C., were at the corner of I street and Pennsylvania avenue. As Lee had surrendered, the city was very joyful the 14th of April, 1865, and all orders had been rescinded, so that guards were very lenient, letting people go and come almost as they pleased.

The headlines of the papers that morning read something like this: "The President and Mrs. Lincoln, General and Mrs. Grant, will attend Ford's Theater tonight, where 'Our American Cousin' will be played." General and Mrs. Grant were unable to be present, but Major Rathburn was in the box with the President and Mrs. Lincoln.

As there were no orders that night I was given permission to go to the theater, and of course, went to Ford's.

I sat in the middle aisle, about half way back, and could see Lincoln very plainly when he leaned forward. The American flag was draped around the box seat which he occupied and he was sitting with his chin in his hand several times when I looked at him. He was at the right of the stage and there were a few steps leading directly from the sidewalk to his box seat. This theater was on the ground floor and as Booth was an actor he was well acquainted with the building. In addition, as all orders had been rescinded for the day because of Lee's surrender, the President was not so closely guarded and people were permitted to go and come quite freely.

I do not remember the leading woman's name, nor what scene it was, but she was on the stage alone. When a shot rang out everybody thought it a part of the play for an instant, until we saw the actress throw up both hands, with her eyes on Lincoln, who had fallen a little forward. I think Major Rathburn caught him in his arms. I think that Lincoln was sitting erect when shot, though I could not see him when he leaned back and did not see Booth fire the shot. I doubt if anyone did unless it was the actress. Booth, crying something in Latin (*sic semper tyrannis*), jumped from the box but caught his spur in the flag and fell onto the stage, breaking the small bone in his leg. He grabbed the actress and dragged her across the stage to a back door through which he made his escape.

When Booth jumped there were dozens of revolvers drawn, but no one could shoot, as he very carefully kept the woman in front of him. The people became frantic and I could hardly move. I knew that I must get out as soon as possible and report to headquarters, as I was needed, but it was impossible for quite a while. When I finally did get out I ran all the way to headquarters, on the corner of I street and Pennsylvania avenue, but the word was there before me and the whole regiment was in line for duty. The excitement was becoming intense and people were wild.

As soon as I arrived, General DeWitt asked me if it were true. I told him that it was, as I had been in the theatre. He said, "Go tell Major Bowers." I went and had

to waken him. He was so grieved he did not know what to do for a few minutes and finally burst out crying like a little boy.

The road which Booth took after the assassination passed over Eastern Branch bridge into Maryland and previously had been very closely guarded. The guards had been ordered to let people pass without examining them and when notified that Lincoln had been shot by Booth they replied that a man had just passed whom they halted but let pass. He immediately urged his horse into a run and as long as they could hear the clatter of the horse's feet it was going as fast as it could. This had aroused their suspicion, but it was too late.

I did not sleep that night, as I rode carrying orders until morning. There were few in Washington that did sleep that night of April 14, 1865, when our beloved Abraham Lincoln was laid low.

Upon the completion of his military service Jacob Chidester returned to his home in this county and resumed the pursuits of peace, as a farmer. After his marriage in 1869 he rented a small farm and he and his wife engaged in the dairy business and were thus engaged for five years, at the end of which time they moved to the Lewis Britton farm, the place on which Mrs. Chidester was reared, and there established their permanent home. Mr. Chidester ever since having been successfully engaged in farming there. Mr. Chidester is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office. He is an active member of Baxter Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and has for years taken an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

On November 17, 1869, Jacob Chidester was united in marriage to Margaret Britton, who was born in this county, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Britton) Britton, and who died on April 19, 1895, leaving three children, Walter S., now a resident of Punta Gorda, Florida; Edith, who is secretary of the Continental Dorset Club, an influential organization that was effected by the late Joseph Wing, and Emma, who is at home with her father. Mr. Chidester is a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Mechanicsburg, as was his wife, and has ever taken an interested part in church work as well as in other local good works. His daughters also are members of that church, in the affairs of which they take an earnest interest, as well as in the community's general social and cultural affairs. Mr. Chidester is the oldest living member of the Mechanicsburg lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, having been raised a master Mason in 1865, and he and his daughters are members of Caroline Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He and his daughters are also members of the local Grange and in the affairs of that organization, as well as in Masonic affairs, have long taken a warm interest.

## D. IRVIN NEESE.

A well-known farmer of Adams township, living on his farm located on the Urbana pike about one mile east of Rosewood, on rural route No. 1, is D. Irvin Neese, who was born on September 10, 1864, on a farm in Mad River township, just east of Thackery, the son of Elias and Sarah (Foltz) Neese, both of whom were natives of Virginia.

Elias Neese was born in the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, and lived there until he reached the age of eighteen, when he came alone to Champaign county, Ohio. After arriving here he worked at farm labor until his marriage to Sarah Foltz, who was also a native of Virginia, but who had come with her parents from that state to Clark county, Ohio, where they lived until she reached the age of fifteen years, when the family moved to a farm near Thackery in Mad River township, this county, where her parents lived the remainder of their lives. After his marriage Elias Neese located on a farm in Mad River township and here he lived the rest of his life. After his death his wife lived with her children until her death occurred. They were the parents of ten children, of whom six are living: Isabel, the widow of Joseph Maurice, of Carysville, Ohio; Reuben, of Thackery; Emma, wife of Allen Zirkle, a farmer of Mad River township; Viola, wife of George Cook, living in Clark county, Ohio, and Irvin, of this review.

Irvin Neese was reared to manhood on the home farm in Mad River township, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood. He remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he started out to farm for himself in partnership with Allen Zirkle, with whom he operated a farm in Adams township, living on this place for a period of fourteen years, after which he moved to his present home. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, in which occupation he has met with a very commendable degree of success and ranks among the progressive and up-to-date farmers of Adams township.

On November 13, 1889, D. Irvin Neese was married to Dora Halterman, the daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Hall) Halterman, and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter: Florence, the wife of Raymond Persinger, living on a farm five miles northwest of Rosewood, Ohio, and Forest, a farmer of Harrison township, this county. Mr. Neese is a member of the Lutheran church at Thackery, while his wife and children are members of the United Brethren church at Rosewood. Fraternally, Mr. Neese is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding

membership in Lodge No. 253, at Rosewood, where he holds the office of past noble grand. He is also a member of the Patriarchs Militant, and is past chief patriarch of the local encampment, while both he and Mrs. Neese are members of the White Lily Lodge No. 449, Daughters of Rebekah, wherein Mrs. Neese holds the office of past noble grand. Politically, Mr. Neese adheres to the principles of the Democratic party.

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### JAMES I. ARROWSMITH.

James I. Arrowsmith, well-known farmer and stockman of Mad River township, this county, living on rural mail route No. 7 out of Urbana, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 29, 1881, son of Isaac I. and Amanda J. (Powell) Arrowsmith, the former of whom was born on that same farm and the latter on a farm west of Urbana in Urbana township, and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Urbana, where she has resided since 1905 and where she is very comfortably situated.

Isaac I. Arrowsmith was born on February 6, 1844, son of Ezekiel Arrowsmith and wife, substantial pioneer residents of Mad River township, the former of whom died about 1887. Reared on the farm on which he was born and on which his son is now living, Isaac I. Arrowsmith completed his schooling in a commercial college at Dayton and after his marriage to Amanda J. Powell, who was born in the neighboring township of Urbana on October 16, 1848, established his home on that farm and there continued to make his home until 1905, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Urbana, buying a residence on Sciota street, where he died November 13, 1913, aged sixty-nine years, and where his widow is still living. Isaac I. Arrowsmith was a Republican and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Minnie, wife of J. E. Lewis, of Concord township, this county.

Reared on the home farm, where he was born, James I. Arrowsmith received his schooling in the Westville schools and from the days of his boyhood was a valued aid to his father in the labors of improving and developing the home farm. After his marriage in the fall of 1905, his parents retiring from the farm and moving to Urbana in that year, he established his home on the old home place and has since been managing

the farm, not only farming the home place of one hundred and four acres, but an "eighty" in Concord township. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Arrowsmith is giving considerable attention to the raising of live stock, with particular reference to hogs, and is doing very well.

On October 26, 1905, James I. Arrowsmith was united in marriage to Bessie E. Craig, who was born in Salem township, this county, daughter of E. C. Craig and wife, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Marvin P., born on April 24, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Arrowsmith have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in local social activities. Mr. Arrowsmith is a member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, and both he and his wife are members of the local Grange at Westville, in the affairs of which they take a hearty interest.

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### W. C. WILKINSON.

William C. Wilkinson, a retired farmer, now living at Rosewood, Adams township, Champaign county, was born on a farm one and one-half miles north of Rosewood, October 21, 1861. He is a son of Asahel and Mary (Calland) Wilkinson. The father was also born on the same farm as his son W. C., his father being one of the early pioneers here. He was of English ancestry. Mary Calland was born and reared in Adams township also. She was a daughter of William Tipton Calland, a native of Scotland where he grew up and married, afterwards immigrating with his wife to America.

After his marriage Asahel Wilkinson began housekeeping on his father's farm in Adams township and there he remained the rest of his active life, carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully. He finally moved to Logan county, Ohio, where the death of his wife occurred. Later he returned to Champaign county and died at Rosewood. To these parents four children were born, namely: Susanna, who married Edward Ulrich, is deceased; G. C. lives on the old home place; Nancy Ellen, who married Peter Keesecker, is deceased; and W. C. of this sketch.

Asahel Wilkinson and wife were members of the United Brethren church, holding membership for many years at Union Chapel, and later were members of Degraff Methodist church. Politically, he was a Republican.

W. C. Wilkinson grew up on the home farm in Adams township, in fact, spent forty-seven years on the same farm. He attended the rural schools in his district. He was married in July, 1881, to Sallie E. Heath, who was born

near Heathtown, Concord township, where she grew to womanhood and was educated. To their union two daughters have been born, namely: Maude is the wife of Pearl Sarver, a farmer of Harrison township; and Blanche, who married J. D. Wright and they are living in Urbana, Ohio, where he is an automobile dealer, handling the "Reo" car.

Mr. Wilkinson owns a well improved farm of ninety-one acres, a portion of the old home place. There he carried on general farming and stock raising, making a comfortable living and keeping the land from becoming worn out by continued cropping. He retired from active work in 1908 and moved to Rosewood, where he and his wife have since resided.

Politically, he is a Republican, and he is at present trustee of Adams township. Fraternally, he belongs to Rosewood Lodge No. 253, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is at present noble grand. He also belongs to Anderton Encampment, Lodge No. 292, at Rosewood, of which he is now chief patriarch.

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### DAVID C. JOURNELL.

David C. Journell, farmer, of Concord township, was born in Cumberland county, Illinois, August 22, 1864, and is a son of Anderson and Elizabeth (Heath) Journell. The father also was born in Concord township and was a son of John Journell, who, with his family, came from Virginia to this township in pioneer days. They cleared and developed a farm from the woods, on which John Journell spent the balance of his life and where his son Anderson grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Heath, who also was a native of Concord township. She was a daughter of Wilibel Heath, whose family came here in pioneer times, Heathtown being named for them. After his marriage Anderson Journell settled on a farm in Concord township, where he resided about ten years, then moved to Cumberland county, Illinois, remaining there about ten years, or until his death. His widow also spent the rest of her days there. Ten children were born to them, only four of whom are now living, namely: J. T. is farming near Quincy, Ohio; Etna is the widow of Calvin Jenkins, of Urbana, Ohio; David C., of this sketch, and U. S. G., who lives at Quincy, this state.

David C. Journell was five years old when his father died and the following year he went to live with his uncle, Crockett Journell, who lived in Concord township, Champaign county. He remained with him until he was fourteen years old, then started out in life for himself. He hired out by the







MRS. OLIVE JOURNELL



DAVID C. JOURNELL



day and the month, at anything in which he could make an honest dollar. He had the grit that wins and, by perseverance and close application, he succeeded.

Mr. Journell was married on October 22, 1889, to Olive Comer, a daughter of Russell and Sarah Catherine (Pence) Comer. Mr. Comer died on February 8, 1910, and his widow lives with a son in Concord township. The old Pence homestead was in Concord township, near D. C. Journell's present farm. The Comers were natives of Champaign county and were the parents of six children. After his marriage Mr. Journell continued to work by the month for two years. In 1891 he bought his present farm, which was heavily timbered. He worked hard, cleared and developed it into a good farm and here he has continued to reside and has made a good living as a general farmer and stock raiser. He owns one hundred and thirty-six acres. He raises large numbers of hogs annually for the market, having long made a specialty of that line of endeavor.

To Mr. and Mrs. Journell five children have been born, namely: Ethel is the widow of James Stemble of Urbana, Ohio; Elmer is assisting his father on the home farm; Mamie is in school; Oma is also attending school, and Raymond is at home.

Politically, Mr. Journell is a Republican. His wife is a member of the Millerstown Baptist church.

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### WILLIAM CULBERTSON.

William Culbertson, senior member of the firm of Culbertson Brothers, carriage manufacturers and automobile agents at Mechanicsburg, and a member of the city council, was born at Mechanicsburg and has lived there all his life. He was born on August 17, 1861, son of William and Elizabeth (Henderson) Culbertson, who were for years among the best-known residents of that city.

The senior William Culbertson was born in the state of New York and was but a child when he came with his parents, James and Margaret Culbertson, to Ohio, the family settling at Warren, in Trimble county. James Culbertson and his wife were natives of Ireland, of Scottish descent, and were married in their native land, almost immediately afterward coming to this country. She died at Warren, this state, and he later located at Mechanicsburg, where his last days were spent. Their son, William, grew to manhood

at Warren and there learned the trade of a wood worker and carriage maker, which he followed the rest of his life, becoming a successful manufacturer. As a young man, in 1854, he moved to Mechanicsburg and engaged in the carriage-manufacturing business there, as the head of the firm of Culbertson & Murray, which arrangement continued for some years, at the end of which time the firm became Culbertson & Barr. Later, the firm became William Culbertson & Company and the business was being carried on under that firm style at the time of the death of the senior William Culbertson, since which time it has been carried on by his sons, under the firm name of Culbertson Brothers. The senior William Culbertson took an active part in the general upbuilding of his home town and was for years regarded as one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of Mechanicsburg. He was a Republican and served for many years as a member of the town council. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Mechanicsburg lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Carrie, widow of P. Benton Owen, of Mechanicsburg; John J., the junior member of the firm of Culbertson Brothers; Minerva, of Mechanicsburg, and Dollie W., wife of Ernest James, of Delaware, this state.

The junior William Culbertson grew up at Mechanicsburg, the place of his birth, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city, and from the days of his boyhood took an active interest in his father's carriage factory, practically growing up in the same and from youth familiar with the details of the business, becoming a member of the company some time before his father's death and after that event the general manager of the concern, which since then has been operated under the firm name of Culbertson Brothers, he and his brother, John J. Culbertson, carrying on the business, one of the oldest and most firmly-established industrial concerns in the city of Mechanicsburg. Culbertson Brothers also are county agents and distributors for the Ford Automobile Company of Detroit and have done a large business in this latter line. William Culbertson is a Progressive and is now a member of the city council from his home ward. He formerly served for a period of ten years as a member of the council and after a period of two years was re-elected, in January, 1916, and is now serving his second period of service in that office, a position his father also held for many years.

In June, 1890, William Culbertson was united in marriage to Carrie Hustler, a daughter of Joseph Hustler and wife, of Mechanicsburg, and to this union has been born one child, a son, William L. Culbertson, born on February 28, 1892, who is now associated with his father and uncle in busi-



ness. The Culbertsons have a very pleasant home at Mechanicsburg and have ever taken an interested part in the city's general social affairs. Mr. Culbertson is a member of Wildey Lodge No. 271, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mechanicsburg, and is a past noble grand of the same.

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### ALBERT BROWN.

Albert Brown, a veteran railway locomotive engineer, now living on his well-kept farm of seventy acres on the Catawba and Mechanicsburg pike, two miles south of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, this county, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state considerably more than half of his life, for twenty-five years having been a resident of Galesburg, Illinois, where he was engaged in the railroad service. He was born at Yellow Springs, in Greene county, Ohio, March 11, 1856, son of John and Margaret (Black) Brown, the latter of whom was born in Scotland, a native of the shire in which Robert Burns was born, and who was but seven years of age when her parents came to this country and settled in Greene county, this state, where she grew to womanhood and married John Brown, who was born in this state, of Scotch-Irish descent. To that union five children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Samuel, who died at Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. Mary J. Wallace, of Oakland, California; Jennie, widow of Henry Philbrick, also of Oakland, and Horace Mann, who died at the age of eight years. John Brown died at his home in Greene county about the year 1860 and his widow survived him many years. She was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Bereft of his father when but a boy, Albert Brown, at the age of nine years, began to make his home with the family of Van Davis, in the neighborhood of Mechanicsburg, this county, and remained there, receiving his schooling in the Mechanicsburg schools, until he was eighteen years of age, when he started out "on his own hook" and went to Cleveland, where he was engaged in a factory for three years, at the end of which time, when twenty-one years of age, he returned to Mechanicsburg. There, a year or two later, he married and then went to Springfield, this state, where he became employed as a fireman on the old Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western road, now a part of the "Big Four" system, and three years later was given an engine and transferred to Galesburg, Illinois, where he was

engaged as a railway locomotive engineer until his retirement from the road and return to Mechanicsburg in 1912. Upon his return to this county Mr. Brown established his home on his present farm in Goshen township and there has since resided, he and his wife being very comfortably situated there. Mr. Brown is a Republican, but the only public office he ever has held was that of marshal of the village of Mechanicsburg, which office he held for two years during the time of his residence there many years ago. During his residence in Galesburg he was for many years an active member of the local division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at that place and Mrs. Brown was an active member of the woman's auxiliary to that brotherhood, serving for some time as president of the same.

Mr. Brown has been twice married. On May 14, 1879, at Mechanicsburg, he was united in marriage to Lula Raudebaugh, daughter of David and Cynthia (Baker) Raudebaugh, who lived in that village for about four years, during which time Albert Brown and his uncle, Major Baker, were engaged in the dairy business, and to that union two children were born, both of whom are still living, Margaret, wife of Alfred Blick, of Galesburg, Illinois, and Walter, who is engaged in the tailoring business at Marion, Ohio. The mother of these children died in 1889 and on September 5, 1893, Mr. Brown married Mary Kingsley, a daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Blue) Kingsley, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Lewis Kingsley Brown, born on June 5, 1896, who is now engaged in the railway service at Galesburg, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Universalist church at Galesburg. He is a Republican and a member of the local lodge of the Masons at Mechanicsburg. Mrs. Brown is a member of Rebecca Parke Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Galesburg, through descent from Capt. William Howard, one of the pioneers of this section of Ohio. Captain Howard served as a minute man during the period immediately preceding the beginning of the War of Independence, was present at the battle of Lexington and was afterward commissioned a captain of the Continental army, serving with distinguished valor during the Revolutionary War. Upon the beginning of the settlement in this part of Ohio Howard came out here and did a good work in the development period of this section. He was a Mason and did much to promote the cause of that ancient order hereabout during the early days. On the Fuller line of her Kingsley ancestry Mrs. Brown traces her descent back to the Fuller who was a member of the devoted band that landed on the shores of this country from the "Mayflower".

## THOMAS E. PYLE.

Thomas E. Pyle, a former well-known teacher in the schools of Champaign county and now a substantial farmer living in Adams township, was born in that same township on March 12, 1866. He is the son of H. D. and Margaret (Speece) Pyle, both natives of the state of Ohio.

H. D. Pyle was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, and his wife, Margaret Speece, was born in Harrison township, Champaign county. Both are now living in St. Paris, this county, where they are comfortably situated, living a retired life after years of activity on the farm on which they spent the greater part of their lives. H. D. and Margaret Pyle were the parents of six children, one of whom is deceased and the others are Thomas E. Pyle, the subject of this sketch; William Pyle, a farmer and trader, living in Colorado; Hezekiah L., a minister of the Congregational church in Philadelphia, who graduated from Ada Westerville College and Yale College; C. E., a farmer living in Adams township, and Sarah, wife of E. F. Brown, of St. Paris, who is engaged in the grocery business.

Thomas E. Pyle was reared on his father's farm in Adams township and was educated in the public schools of the district. He later went through a course in the high school at Urbana one winter. He taught school for two years in Concord township, this county. At the end of that period he went west and taught school near Vernon, in the state of Colorado. The school there was conducted in a sod house which Mr. Pyle helped to build. After remaining in Colorado for some time he returned to Champaign county and commenced his life as a farmer. During the period that Mr. Pyle was engaged in teaching he was generally recognized as an efficient instructor, ever interested in imparting the elements of the subjects he taught to the pupils in his charge.

On May 25, 1892, Thomas E. Pyle was united in marriage to Lottie May Wilson, who was born in Shelby county, this state, and the daughter of James Wilson. After his marriage he settled on the farm of one hundred acres of land which he owns in Adams township and on which he now lives. He is engaged in general farming and his efforts have met with considerable success. He adopts modern methods in his agricultural labors, to insure the best results, and his buildings are kept in excellent condition, the whole tract showing evidence of continuous care and attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyle are members of the United Brethren church at Rosewood and are active in all church work. He is a member of Crayon

Lodge No. 297, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which order he is past noble grand. He is also a member of the auxiliary, being affiliated with Anterton Encampment No. 397, of which he is past chief patriarch. Mr. and Mrs. Pyle are members of the Rebekah lodge, and in the affairs of all these orders he takes a warm interest. He is a supporter of the Republican party and has filled the office of township assessor for one year, giving the people satisfactory service in this important position. Mr. and Mrs. Pyle have reared a boy whose name was Hunter, but is now known as John Pyle, and who has lived with them since he was five years old. He was graduated from the Rosewood high school.

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### GEORGE W. NOTESTINE.

George W. Notestine, farmer of Adams township, Champaign county, was born six miles southeast of the village of DeGraff, Logan county, Ohio, November 11, 1846. He is a son of John and Catherine (Neer) Notestine. The father was born in Perry county, this state, but when a young man he came to Logan county, where he married and settled on a farm. His wife, Catherine Neer, was born in Licking county, this state, but when young her parents brought her to Logan county and there she grew to womanhood. John and Catherine Notestine located on a farm in Logan county and spent the rest of their lives there, both being now deceased. They became parents of fourteen children, six of whom are still living, ten growing to maturity, the survivors are: Elizabeth is the widow of Gabriel Krouse and she lives in Bellefontaine, Ohio; George W., of this sketch; Nancy is the widow of Lewis Walcott and lives at DeGraff, Ohio; John, Thomas and Noah all make their home in Logan county, this state.

George W. Notestine was reared on the home farm in Logan county and there he attended the district schools. When a young man he went to Owen county, Indiana, and he spent four years in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky, then returned home. On October 19, 1876, he married Lizzie Jane Naugle, a native of Clark county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood and attended schools. Her mother died when she was but a child.

In February, 1877, Mr. Notestine and wife moved to Champaign county and finally bought their present farm of ninety-three acres in Adams township and here they have since resided. They lived on rented land the first nine years they were in the locality in which they now reside. They have a well

cultivated farm and a comfortable home and engage in general farming pursuits.

One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Notestine, namely: Emmett Vance, who married Carrie Wise and they live in DeGraff, Logan county, where he is in the garage business. They have two children, Mildred and Ruth, both now in school.

Politically, Mr. Notestine is a Republican. He belongs to Lodge 292, Free and Accepted Masons. She belongs to the Christian church at Logansville, Ohio.

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### SAMUEL J. MAURICE.

Samuel J. Maurice, farmer of Adams township, Champaign county, was born on a part of the farm on which he is now living, May 19, 1888, and he is regarded as one of the most promising of our younger husbandmen. He is a son of Joseph and Isabelle (Neese) Maurice. The father was born near Springfield, Clark county, Ohio, May 27, 1846. He was a son of Isaac Maurice, who immigrated from England to Ohio in an early day, locating in Clark county, and there his first wife died, he then married Caroline Davis, a native of Virginia, who came to Clark county when a girl. Isaac Maurice spent the rest of his life on the farm on which Joseph Maurice was born, having remained on the same place he selected when first locating in the New World. Isabelle Neese was born on a farm just east of Thackery, Mad River township, Champaign county, Ohio. She was a daughter of Elias Neese, who came to Ohio with his parents when a boy.

After their marriage Joseph Maurice settled in German township, Clark county, where they remained ten years, then came to Adams township and bought forty acres and there they established their future home. Their son, Samuel J., of this sketch, was born on that place. The family resided there ten years, then the father bought the farm where his son Joseph now lives, and here the father spent the rest of his life, dying on May 28, 1908. His widow is still living on this farm. To Joseph Maurice and wife twelve children were born, all still living but one, Marion: W. A., of Rosewood, Ohio; Adeela is the wife of Stephen Bowers and they live in Adams township; George lives in Shelby county, Ohio; C. A. lives at Rosewood, Champaign county; Valdora is the wife of Dr. Connor of Markleville, Indiana; Emma is the widow of George Licklider, of Carysville, Ohio; Ellen is the wife of Alex C. Stephenson, of Adams township, Champaign county; Herman is farming on the home

place; Marion died in infancy; Samuel J., of this sketch; Lizzie is the wife of Homer Geuy and they live on the home place; and Emerson also lives on the home farm.

Samuel J. Maurice was reared on the home farm where he worked when a boy. He received his education in the district schools. He has remained on the home farm and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. The place consists of two hundred and thirty acres. He has kept his fields well cultivated and well improved

Mr. Maurice was married on December 19, 1909, to Laura Geuy, a daughter of Steward and Alice (Spellman) Geuy, of Johnson township, this county. To Mr. Maurice and wife two children have been born, namely: Alice Isabelle is attending school; and Mildred Ruth, who died when two months old.

Politically, Mr. Maurice is a Democrat, but is inclined to vote independently, not being a biased partisan. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Rosewood. He is a member of the Christian church at Carysville.

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### SAMUEL J. BARGER.

Samuel J. Barger, a farmer and truck grower of Concord township, Champaign county, was born in the locality where he now resides, February 21, 1863. He is a son of John and Martha (Graves) Barger, whose family consisted of the following children: Melissa is deceased; F. M. is deceased; John F. lives at St. Paris, this county; Joseph M. is a retired farmer living in Logan county, Ohio; Sarah E. is the wife of Robert Valentine; Samuel J., of this sketch, and Mary C., who married Harrison Jenkins and lives in Harrison township.

John Barger was a son of Jacob and Polly (Bousman) Barger, who were married at the historic Natural Bridge in Virginia, October 9, 1809. They came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1813, locating among the early pioneers in Concord township, a half mile northwest of the present site of Concord centralized school. Here they cleared the primeval forest and developed a good farm, on which they spent the rest of their lives. A part of the old orchard they set out is still living and bearing fruit. His death occurred on May 1, 1863, and she died on May 22, 1841. To Jacob and Polly Barger twelve children were born, named as follow: John, father of Samuel J.; Madison, born September 30, 1812, died October 9, 1873; Sarah,





MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL J. BARGER



born September 1, 1814, died September 17, 1856; Deborah, born November 7, 1816, died November 10, 1852; William, born November 9, 1818, died February 16, 1896; Mary, born October 10, 1820, died January 28, 1906; George, born September 11, 1822, deceased; Samuel B., born August 5, 1824, died October 18, 1846; Jacob, Jr., born September 26, 1826, died November 25, 1847; Nancy A., born September 9, 1828, died February 23, 1873; Leonard, born September 21, 1830, died October 22, 1907; Philander R., born January 22, 1835, died in April, 1917.

John Barger was born near the Natural Bridge in Virginia, January 20, 1811, and his death occurred on January 27, 1892. He was two years old when his parents made the long overland trip in wagons from the Old Dominion to Champaign county, Ohio. He grew to manhood amid pioneer conditions in Concord township and assisted his father with the work on the farm until he was a young man. Here he married Sarah Hall, who died on February 15, 1850, in early life, and on November 14th of that year he married Martha Graves, a native of Champaign county. To this second union the following children were born: A daughter, born July 15, 1852, died in infancy; Mary C., born October 31, 1853, is the wife of Harrison Jenkins; a son born January 6, 1862, died in infancy; Samuel J.

Samuel J. Barger was reared on the home farm in Concord township and he attended the district schools until he was twenty years old, working on the farm during the summer months. He has followed farming and stock raising all his life and has remained on the home place, which he purchased and which he has kept well improved, having rebuilt the dwelling and erected good outbuildings. His place consists of one hundred and eighty acres, the land being well cultivated. He raises a good grade of live stock.

Mr. Barger was married on February 2, 1890, to Celesta E. Looker, who was born in Johnson township, this county, April 7, 1871, a daughter of Hampton and Rebecca Looker. She was reared on the home farm in Adams township and attended the district schools. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barger: Lawrence H., born November 17, 1890, was graduated from the Concord high school and he is at present serving his township as justice of the peace; Lyman C., born August 18, 1893, and Alta H., born November 21, 1908.

Politically, Mr. Barger is a Republican and has been a notary public for twenty-four years. His papers have always been very accurately and neatly drawn, none of them having ever been rejected on account of irregularities in them. He is a member of Pharo Lodge No. 355, Free and Accepted

Masons, and he and his wife are members of the Up-to-Date Grange, Lodge No. 1873. Mr. Barger organized this lodge, of which he is past master, and his wife and son are charter members of this lodge.

For six years Mr. Barger has operated a home canning plant and has sold all his goods within a radius of twelve miles of home. He cans all kinds of fruits and vegetables and even rabbit meat, twenty varieties of canned goods in all. There has been more of a demand for the canned goods than he can supply.

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### JOSEPH H. MADDEX.

Joseph H. Maddex, proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and three acres in Goshen township, this county, on the Mechanicsburg and Catawba pike, two and one-half miles south of Mechanicsburg, on rural mail route No. 2 out of that city, is a native of Virginia, but has been a resident of Ohio since he was twenty-five years of age. He was born in the Shenandoah valley, in that part of the Old Dominion now comprised within the borders of West Virginia, May 22, 1849, son of James S. and Ann Amanda (Melvin) Maddex, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia.

James S. Maddex was born in Harford county, Maryland, and was but a boy when his parents moved into the Shenandoah valley in upper Virginia, where he grew to manhood and married Ann Amanda Melvin, who was born in that valley, her parents having settled there upon moving from Pennsylvania. Her father, Joseph Melvin, was of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock. To James S. Maddex and wife were born twelve children, of whom ten grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Lorenzo D., who died in Maryland; Mary E., who married William Brantner and died in West Virginia, leaving five children; Hannah V., widow of Thomas Link, of West Virginia; John, a well-known farmer of Goshen township, this county; Butler L., also a resident of this county; Sarah C., deceased; Rosa B., wife of Bine Maddex, of West Virginia; James J., of Union county, this state, and Benjamin N., a resident of Maryland.

Reared in his native state, Joseph H. Maddex received a common-school education and remained there until he was twenty-five years of age, when he came to Ohio and began working at farm labor in Clark county, not far from Catawba. In the spring of 1888 he married and established his home on a rented farm in Goshen township, this county, continuing as a renter until in 1907, when he bought the farm on which he is now living and where he ever

since has made his residence. Mr. Maddex has a well-improved farm of one hundred and three acres and is doing well in his farming operations. He is a Democrat and has served the public in the capacity of supervisor in his home township.

On May 14, 1888, Joseph H. Maddex was united in marriage to Anastasia Gault, who was born in Goshen township, this county, daughter of Thomas and Johanna Gault, and to this union two children have been born, Ruie J., wife of Edward Young, of Detroit, Michigan, and James Paul, who married Mary Carr, of the neighboring county of Madison, and is assisting his father in the management of the home farm. Mr. Maddex was made a Mason, a member of Elk Branch Lodge No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, at his old home in West Virginia, before coming to Ohio, and has always maintained his connection with that order, many years ago having transferred his membership to the local lodge of Masons at Mechanicsburg, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. He and his family have a pleasant home on the farm and have ever taken an interested part in the community's general social activities.

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#### KIRBY O. LUCAS.

Kirby O. Lucas, living on a farm on route No. 7, out of Urbana, Ohio, was born in Luray, Virginia, April 6, 1878, a son of James F. and Isabella (Prince) Lucas. Both his parents were natives of Virginia and are still living in that state, where our subject was reared and educated and grew to manhood. There were eight children in this family, seven of whom are now living. J. D. Lucas lives in Cincinnati, C. J. and H. F. Lucas live in Virginia, Charles and Edward live in Virginia.

Kirby O. Lucas remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age when he started out for himself. He found a wife in the person of Miss Nellie G. Kite, who was also a native of Virginia. They were married in 1900, and they came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1904, and located in Westville. He worked on a farm for three years and then rented a farm which he cultivated for nine years. He then bought a farm of sixty-two acres and a half on which he established a home and in which he has since lived. They have two daughters, Linda and Clara, both in the schools at Westville. Mr. Lucas is a member of the Lutheran church; Mrs. Lucas is a member of the New School Baptist church. He is a member of the Westville Grange, and his political affiliation is with the Republican party.

## J. NEWTON BARNETT.

J. Newton Barnett, the owner and proprietor of a general store in the village of Spring Hill in Harrison township, this county, was born in Paris, Edgar county, Illinois, on May 24, 1868, the son of Nathaniel and Mary (Rawlings) Barnett, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio.

Nathaniel Barnett was but a small lad when he accompanied his parents from Kentucky to McLean county, Illinois, and there he grew to maturity and married Mary Rawlings, who was born in Quincy, Ohio, but went as a young girl with her parents to McLean county, Illinois. After his marriage, Nathaniel Barnett and his wife settled in Edgar county, Illinois, where they lived for some years, and where their three children were born, as follows: J. N., the immediate subject of this review; Harriett, deceased, who was the wife of Perry Body, of Adams township, and Emma, the wife of Elwood Forshee, of Sidney, Ohio. Prior to his marriage, Nathaniel Barnett served as a soldier in the Union army, enlisting from McLean county, Illinois. On June 15, 1882, when J. Newton was but a lad of fourteen years, the widowed mother came with her family to Quincy, Ohio, locating immediately afterward in Adams township, this county. In November, 1882, Mrs. Barnett was married to Cornelius Houseman, with whom she lived until his death in 1898. They removed to Spring Hill in 1897. Her death occurred on February 19, 1917. To this union three children were born: Bessie, the wife of T. Ruddy, of Tiptecanoe City, Ohio; Clarence, deceased, and Merrill, of Dayton, Ohio. The mother of these children was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith she had been reared.

J. Newton Barnett lived at home with his parents until he was nine years of age, and spent five years in the Soldiers Orphans Home in Bloomington, Illinois, where he received most of his early education. As stated above, when fourteen years of age, he accompanied his mother and the rest of the family to Ohio, and on September 10, 1888, came to Harrison township, where for the next six years he lived with the family of William Mohr. In 1888-9 he was a student in the commercial course at Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana. He afterwards worked out by the month in Harrison township, and after his marriage engaged in farming for two years, renting land and working out by the day. On February 13, 1895, he came to Spring Hill, where, in partnership with Edward Mohr, he engaged in the general mercantile business for a period of seven years. At the end of that time, Mr. Barnett took over the entire business, and has been very successfully conducting the same



ever since. In 1911 he erected a new store building into which he moved his stock the same year. Mr. Barnett has a large and lucrative patronage in the village of Spring Hill and surrounding community, and ranks among the leading citizens of his township.

On June 5, 1892, J. Newton Barnett was united in marriage to Anna Mohr, a daughter of Fred and Sarah (Brinser) Mohr, and to this union three children have been born: Carrie, the wife of Harry Garver, of Spring Hill; Grace, who died in infancy, and Ethel, a student in the public schools. The family are members of the Presbyterian church at Spring Hill and Mr. Barnett is serving as deacon of the local congregation.

Mr. Barnett is a Democrat in politics, and has always taken an active interest in local political affairs, serving as township treasurer for eight years, and is now serving as assessor of the village of Spring Hill. He is also a notary public, and has been for the past six years. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order, and also holds membership in Hamlet Lodge No. 242, Knights of Pythias, and is past chancellor of that lodge at DeGraff, Ohio.

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### WILLIAM H. MOHR.

William H. Mohr, a farmer of Spring Hill, Harrison township, Champaign county, was born one mile southeast of his present home, his present farm being a part of the old Mohr estate, on February 4, 1860. He is a son of Conrad and Catherine (Forry) Mohr.

Conrad Mohr was born in Germany, from which country he came to America, when a boy, with his parents, Frederick Mohr and wife. The family located in Logan county, Ohio, later moving to Champaign county, being among the early settlers in this section of the state. Catherine Forry was also of German descent, but was born in Pennsylvania, and when a girl she came with her parents to this section of Ohio. After his marriage Conrad Mohr located in Logan county, but later moved to Harrison township Champaign county, where they spent the rest of their lives. Their family consisted of seven children, all of whom survive at this writing, but one, namely: John, who is deceased; Mary, Martha, Fred, Chris, Kate and William H. The father of these children was a successful farmer and accumulated a large acreage of valuable land and other property. He was one of the leading men of his township in his day. Politically, he was a Democrat but never sought public leadership, being a quiet home man. He and his wife were members

of the German Baptist church in Logan county and active in the work of the same.

William H. Mohr grew to manhood on the home farm in Harrison township and was educated in the district schools and he lived at home until he married Clara E. Leffler, in 1883. They located a half mile east of the old home farm and remained there a few years, then moved back to the homestead and spent three years there, after which he returned to the farm he first occupied after his marriage. He remained there until 1911, when he moved to Spring Hill, where he has since resided and where he built a pretty home. He owns one hundred and seventy-nine acres of excellent land in Harrison township and is carrying on general farming and stock raising with gratifying results. He has a good farm and a well-kept group of buildings.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mohr, namely: Brooks, who died when eighteen months old; Oakland, who married Mabel Speece, lives on the home place, which he helps his father operate, and Harvey, attending school.

Politically, Mr. Mohr is a Democrat. He is treasurer of the Spring Hill Cemetery Association. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church at Spring Hill.

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### STEPHEN N. JENKINS.

Among the sturdy sons of the pioneer farmers of this county is Stephen N. Jenkins, a resident of Millerstown, who was born in Concord township, on April 26, 1864, the son of Presley and Mary (Snyder) Jenkins, the former of whom was a native of this county, and the latter of Shenandoah county, Virginia.

Presley Jenkins was born in Concord township in the early twenties, and was a son of Jesse and Annie (Pence) Jenkins, both of whom were natives of Virginia, who came to Ohio in an early day, settling in Champaign county, on a farm in Concord township, where Elijah Jenkins, an uncle of Stephen N. Jenkins, now lives, the land still being in the family name. Mary Snyder was the daughter of Valentine Snyder, who came with his family from Virginia to Champaign county in the early days, settling on a farm in Johnson township, this land lying just north of where the village of Millerstown now is. After his marriage Presley Jenkins and his wife settled on a farm in Concord township, two miles north of the old home place, where they lived until 1865, when they removed to a farm in Johnson township, known as the Isaac Bru-

baker farm, where they lived until the death of Mr. Jenkins in 1881. His widow survived him until 1893, making her home with her children after her husband's death. Presley Jenkins and wife were the parents of seven children: Rebecca C., wife of John M. Burkholder, of Rosewood, Ohio; Elijah W., deceased; T. J., a farmer living in Johnson township, represented elsewhere in this work; Jane A., widow of David Jenkins, of Terre Haute, Ohio; Willis P., a resident of Johnson township; Stephen N., the immediate subject of this review, and Mary Etta, deceased. The family were earnest and devoted members of the Nettle Creek Baptist church, being among the leaders of the Old School Baptist faith in this vicinity. Presley Jenkins ranked among the leading pioneers of his community, and was a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, as he started out in life with nothing, and at the time of his death was the owner of over four hundred acres of land which he had acquired by his own honest endeavor and with the help of his family. He was a man who attended strictly to his own affairs, and while deeply interested in public matters, yet was never an office seeker, preferring rather his home life.

Stephen N. Jenkins was reared to manhood on his father's farm, receiving his education in the common schools of his home neighborhood. After reaching maturity he continued to operate the home farm for some years, and in 1893 he in partnership with Charles Heck, engaged in the mercantile business in Millerstown, in which line he was continuously engaged for a period of thirteen years. In 1906 this firm disposed of their business in Millerstown, since which time Mr. Jenkins has been engaged in looking after his various business interests.

On November 22, 1885, Stephen N. Jenkins was married to Lizzie A. Sturm, who was born at Galion, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins two children have been born: Carrie A., the wife of Walter Pence, of St. Paris, Ohio, and Byron G., who was in the employ of the government at Washington, D. C. He is now (July, 1917) a sergeant of the first class, attached to the medical department of the Reserve Corps, located at base group, American expeditionary force, France.

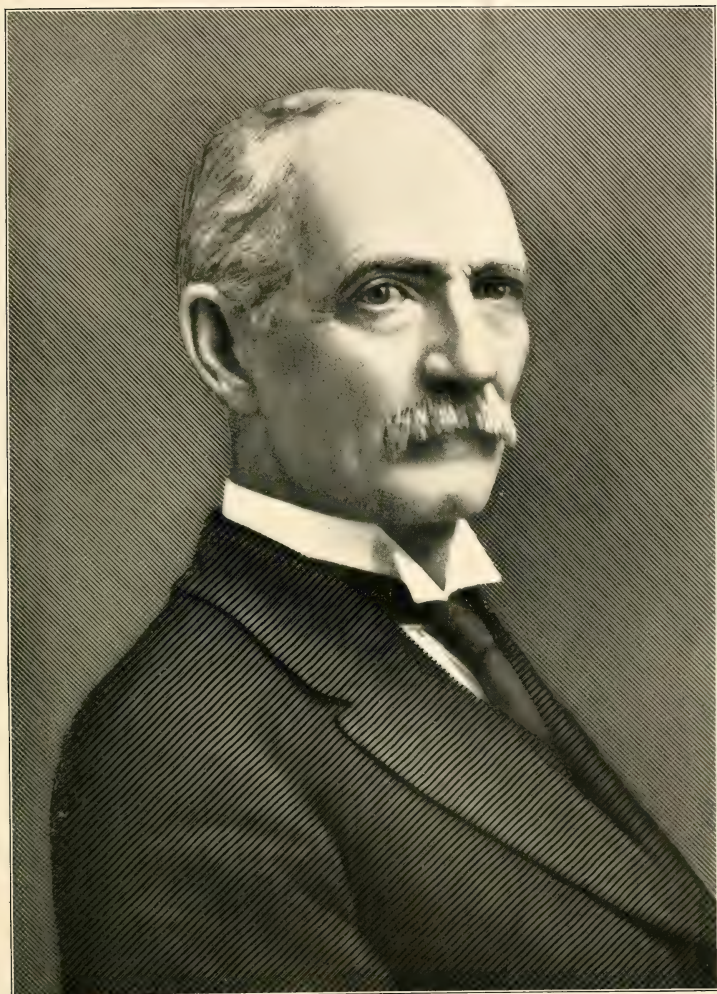
Mr. Jenkins is independent in politics, preferring to vote for measures rather than for men, and is not bound by any party ties. He is a stockholder and director in the Farmers and Merchants Telephone Company, of St. Paris, and at one time served as vice-president of the organization. He is also a stockholder in the Central National Bank of St. Paris. Mr. Jenkins is also much interested in bee culture, having more than fifty hives of fine Italian bees on his home place.

## HENRY MILLER BLACK.

The late Henry Miller Black, former agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at St. Paris and for years cashier of the First National Bank of that city, of which concern his son, Fred Black, is now the vice-president, was a native of Ohio and spent all his life in this state. He was born on a farm near Hillsboro, in Highland county, September 15, 1848, and was but a child when his father died. His mother later came to this county and located at Cable, in Wayne township, where he received his schooling, later moving with his mother to New Madison, in Darke county, where he took employment as a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad. While thus engaged he turned his attention to telegraphing and upon becoming qualified as a telegrapher was given a station on that road, finally, in 1876, being stationed as agent and telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Company at St. Paris, where he at once took an active part in the affairs of that town, making that his permanent residence and there spending the remainder of his life, his death occurring in the fall of 1915.

When the First National Bank of St. Paris was organized Mr. Black became a stockholder in the new institution and later became a member of the board of directors. In 1888 he was made cashier of the bank and served in that responsible capacity until his retirement from the bank in 1913. The remainder of his life was spent in quiet retirement in St. Paris, his death having occurred at a sanitarium in Marion, Ohio. He died on November 10, 1915, leaving a good name, for he had done well his part in the general business and social life of the city and had done much to extend the interests of the town in various ways. Politically, Mr. Black was a Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but was not a seeker after public office. He was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and ever did his part in church work. Fraternally, he was a member of Pharos Lodge No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons, at St. Paris, and the commandery of Knights Templar at Urbana, and took a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

On October 4, 1880, Henry M. Black was united in marriage at Cable, this county, to Mary E. Fuson, who was born near that village on August 21, 1853, daughter of William and Elnora (Keller) Fuson, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Maryland, of German descent. To that union two children were born, Fred, vice-president of the First National Bank of St. Paris, and Fannie, who is making her home with her



HENRY M. BLACK.







brother. The mother of these children died on July 1, 1915, preceding her husband to the grave by a little more than four months.

Fred Black was born on May 2, 1882, and was graduated from the St. Paris high school in 1901. He then learned telegraphy and was engaged as a telegraph operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company until 1907, when he became engaged in farming in Jackson township, this county, and was there engaged until his return to St. Paris in 1914. After his father's death he represented the latter's interest in the First National Bank of St. Paris and in 1916 was made vice-president of the bank, to the duties of which office he now gives his close attention. On May 2, 1907, Mr. Black married Elizabeth McMorran, daughter of Samuel and Sarah McMorran, who died on August 8, 1914. Mr. Black is a Mason, as was his father, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. Miss Fannie Black was graduated from the St. Paris high school and later attended Oberlin College for two years. She is now keeping house for her brother, the two living in the old Black home, where they are very pleasantly situated.

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#### TULLEY MCKINNEY.

Tulley McKinney, former postmaster of Mechanicsburg, an honored veteran of the Civil War and formerly and for years engaged in the contractor business at Mechanicsburg, where he is now living retired, one of the best-known "old settlers" of Champaign county, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, with the exception of about four years during the latter sixties, when he lived in Illinois. He was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Clark on November 3, 1838, a son of Francis and Margaret (Lennox) McKinney, natives of the Old Dominion state, who became pioneers of this part of Ohio and here spent the remainder of their lives.

Francis McKinney was born in Jefferson county, Virginia, son of Tulley McKinney, a native of Ireland, who came to this country in 1765 and settled in Virginia, where he was living when the colonists began their struggle for independence. At the beginning of that struggle he enlisted his services in behalf of the patriot cause and served with the Colonial army for five years. The family founded in this country by this Revolutionary soldier is still represented in Virginia and has a wide connection throughout the country at large. Francis McKinney grew to manhood in Virginia and there married Margaret

Lennox, who also was born in Jefferson county, a daughter of Nathaniel Lennox, a native of Scotland, who had come to this country in 1785 and one of whose sons served as a soldier in the United States army during the War of 1812. In 1836 Francis McKinney and his wife came to Ohio from Virginia and settled on a farm in Clark county, where they spent their last days, the death of the former occurring in 1864. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom grew to maturity save two and of whom the subject of this sketch and Washington are the only survivors.

Tulley McKinney grew to manhood on the home farm in Clark county, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and during his youth served his apprenticeship as a carpenter and was working at that trade when the Civil War broke out. On the President's first call for volunteers in April, 1861, he responded and on April 23 enlisted his services as a member of Company F, Sixteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until honorably discharged at the completion of that term of service on August 11, 1862. Upon receiving his discharge Mr. McKinney re-enlisted as a member of Company A, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with this latter command served until the close of the war, being mustered out on June 5, 1865.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. McKinney returned home and resumed the pursuits of peace, taking up his work as a carpenter, and after his marriage in the summer of the following year went to Clay county, Illinois, where he made his home for four years, at the end of which time he returned to Ohio and with his family settled at Mechanicsburg, where he ever since has made his home and where he was actively engaged as a builder until his retirement from that vocation. Mr. McKinney is an ardent Republican and has ever taken an active interest in local political affairs. On June 19, 1898, he was appointed postmaster of Mechanicsburg and served in that important office for eight years. Mr. McKinney is an active member of Stephen Baxter Post No. 88, Grand Army of the Republic, and has for years taken an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

On July 19, 1866, Tulley McKinney was united in marriage to Sarah Alcinda Wilkinson, who was born on a pioneer farm in Pleasant township, Clark county, this state, June 17, 1839, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Ellsworth) Wilkinson, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of this state, a member of one of the first families to settle in this part of Ohio. Joseph Wilkinson was born on August 20, 1803, and was but a boy when he came with his parents from Virginia to Ohio, the family settling in Adams county, where he grew up and became a school teacher. As a young school

teacher he found service in the schools of Clark county and while thus engaged there met and married Hannah Ellsworth, who was born in Pleasant township, that county, May 20, 1805, a daughter of one of the earliest settlers in that section. To Mr. and Mrs. McKinney the following children have been born: Forest, of Mechanicsburg; Charles, who died at the age of thirty-one years; Mary, who died at the age of four years; Effie May, who was graduated from the high school at Mechanicsburg and from the Western Reserve University at Cleveland and is now teacher of Latin in Stivers high school at Dayton; Dorothy, who was graduated from the Mechanicsburg high school and from Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, later becoming teacher of German in Steele high school at Dayton and who married K. S. Carlisle, a lawyer, and is now living at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Bertha, who also was graduated from the Mechanicsburg high school and was teaching her third term of school at the time of her death at Mutual, this county, she then being twenty-one years of age. Mrs. McKinney is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg.

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#### WESLEY A. MAURICE.

Wesley A. Maurice, one of the enterprising business men of Rosewood, Champaign county, was born in Clark county, Ohio, March 3, 1872. He is a son of Joseph and Isabelle (Neese) Maurice. The father was born in Clark county in May, 1847. His father was a native of England who came to Clark county, Ohio, in 1836 and there he married Carolina Davis, a native of that county. They established their home in that county and spent the rest of their lives there. Isabelle Neese was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, near the village of Thackery, in 1849. Her people came to Clark county, this state, from Pennsylvania, and later moved to Champaign county. Joseph and Isabelle Maurice located on a farm in German township, Clark county, after their marriage and continued to reside there until in 1881, when they moved to Adams township, Champaign county, locating on a farm south of Rosewood, but no town had been started at that time. There Mr. Maurice operated his farm successfully until his death in 1909. His widow still owns the place, but makes her home with her daughter at Carysville. To Joseph Maurice and wife twelve children were born, namely: Wesley A., of this sketch; Adella I. is the wife of S. Bowers of Adams township; George A. lives in Shelby county, Ohio; Clinton A. lives in Rosewood; Sarah V. is the

wife of David Conner and they live at Markleville, Indiana; Marion died in early childhood; Emma A. is the wife of George Licklider of Carysville; Ellen is the wife of Alex Stephenson of Adams township; Herman C. lives in Adams township; Samuel lives on the home farm; Lizzie B. is the wife of Homer Guy and they live in Adams township; and Emerson E., who lives on the home place.

Wesley A. Maurice was nine years old when his parents located in Adams township and here he grew to manhood on the home farm and attended school. He lived at home until his marriage, June 4, 1893, to Stella P. Conner, who was born and reared in Adams township and here she attended the common schools. Her birth occurred in 1873. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Ward) Conner.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice one son has been born, Forrest J., whose birth occurred on January 10, 1915.

Mr. Maurice has control of the home place, which consists of two hundred and thirty-one acres, which he has kept well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. He carries on general farming and stock raising successfully, or rather has it done, for he is connected with the Procter & Sturgeon Implement Company at Rosewood.

Politically, he is a Democrat. He was treasurer of Adams township for a period of six years. He is prominent in local fraternal circles, belonging to Rosewood Lodge No. 253, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand; also belongs to Pharos Lodge No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons, and St. Paris Chapter No. 137, Royal Arch Masons.

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### GEORGE W. WALBORN.

George W. Walborn, superintendent of the three thousand-acre tract of land belonging to the estate of the late John Kiser, lying in Champaign and Shelby counties, Ohio, was born in Jackson township, this county, on January 7, 1867, the son of John H. and Elizabeth (Parker) Walborn, both natives also of Champaign county.

John H. Walborn was born on the same farm in Jackson township as was his son, George W., and was a son of Abraham Walborn, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German parents who came to this country in an early day. Abraham Walborn came with his parents from Pennsylvania to Ohio in an early day, locating first at Dayton, Ohio, and a few years later they came

to Champaign county, where they settled in Jackson township, where George was born, and this farm is still in the Walborn name and ownership, and is the origin of the Walborn settlement in the county. Elizabeth Parker was born at Terre Haute, this county, of pioneer parents. Her father was a miller by trade, and after her mother's death, which occurred while Elizabeth was still a very young girl, her father moved to Jay county, Indiana, and later to Missouri, where his death occurred. After her marriage to John H. Walborn, the young couple settled on the old home place in Jackson township, where they lived for several years, moving from there to Van Wert county, Ohio, where Mrs. Walborn died. John H. Walborn then went to Jay county, Indiana, but in his later years returned to Champaign county, where his death occurred. He and his wife were the parents of six children, five of whom are living: George W., the immediate subject of this review; Edward, who lives on the H. H. Brecount place in Johnson township, this county; Minnie, the widow of William Betz, of Bluffton, Indiana; Anna, who died at the age of fourteen years; Solomon, a farmer of Johnson township, and Emma, the wife of Charles Stapleton, of Columbus, Ohio.

George W. Walborn was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Champaign and Van Wert counties, Ohio, receiving his education in the rural schools of home townships, and at the age of eighteen he returned to Champaign county and worked for three years on the farm of Edwin Carlo, in Johnson township. After his marriage he rented property in St. Paris, Ohio, for one year, and then bought property there, living in the village for a period of nine years. At the end of that time he operated the farm of Henry M. Black in Jackson township for five years, after which he purchased a farm of one hundred and eighty-one acres in Mad River township, where he lived for five years. He then came to his present location to take up the work of superintending the large estate of the late John Kiser, and is now living on that part of this estate known as the Furrow Farm, about a half mile north of St. Paris, and here he is discharging the duties of his responsible position with very commendable success, and to the satisfaction of his patrons. He still owns his farm in Mad River township, which is operated by reliable tenants.

On February 19, 1888, George W. Walborn was married to Mary Desh, the daughter of Lewis and Lydia Desh, both of whom died when Mrs. Walborn was only a small child of ten. George W. Walborn and wife are the parents of three children: Clara, the wife of Harry Zirkle, a farmer living four miles north of Urbana; Bessie, the wife of George Bruner, a farmer of Mad River township, and Frank, living at home. The family are members

of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, in the affairs of which they take an active interest. Mr. Walborn is a Democrat in politics, but is very liberal in his views, and any movement for the betterment of his community receives his hearty support.

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### FRANK SNAPP.

Among the well-known agriculturists of Champaign county is Frank Snapp, extensive farmer, stock dealer and shipper, who resides on a fine farm in Jackson township east of St. Paris. He was born in Jackson township, Champaign county, on December 12, 1845, the son of Daniel and Margaret (Barnhart) Snapp, early settlers in that neighborhood.

Daniel Snapp was born in the state of Pennsylvania and when three years old came with his parents to Dayton, Ohio, and continued to reside there for some years. He married Margaret Barnhart, near Dayton, and when about the age of twenty-one he had not sufficient money to purchase eighty acres of land, which he desired to acquire. However, the man by whom he was employed at six dollars a month, loaned him the money and he presently entered his first holding of eighty acres of land. Later, Mr. Snapp acquired another eighty, his mother assisting him in the purchase by making and selling maple sugar. His investments in land were successful and as he prospered he continued to add to his holdings until he finally became the owner of eleven hundred acres of excellent land, being generally recognized as one of the most substantial farmers in or about St. Paris.

Daniel and Margaret (Barnhart) Snapp were the parents of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity. Of these children but two are now living, Frank, the subject of this sketch, and Catherine, wife of Jonathan Schrumm, of Jackson township. Daniel Snapp was a devout member of the Lutheran church and a liberal contributor to its upkeep throughout his life. Some years before his death he divided his land among his children, reserving for himself a quarter section, on which he continued to reside to the end of his life.

Frank Snapp was reared on the farm which he now owns, in Jackson township, and attended the schools of the district until he was seventeen years old. He enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 2, 1864, and served until the close of the war. He was in one skirmish with the enemy forces and on being mustered out at the close of the war, returned to Jackson township and resumed operations on the farm.

On December 27, 1866, Frank Snapp was united in marriage to Susanna



Batdorf, and they became the parents of one child, a son, V. E. Snapp, who was educated in the common schools of Jackson township and in 1887 married Martha Wiant. Frank Snapp is the owner of two hundred and ninety acres of prime land in Jackson and Mad River townships. Portion of the land now occupied by Frank Snapp was in woods and water when his father acquired it. The latter reclaimed and brought it to a high state of cultivation. He still ships live stock and is an active and industrious farmer. Mrs. Snapp died on June 18, 1916.

Frank Snapp is vice-president of the Spring Grove cemetery, which was organized by Daniel Snapp and Allen Pence, both of whom bought the land and donated it for cemetery purposes. Mr. Snapp is a member of the Baptist church, as was his wife. In political faith he is a Republican, but has never been a seeker after office.

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#### GOTTLIEB SIEGENTHALER.

The little republic of Switzerland has sent a large number of good citizens to our various states, where they have readily assimilated our methods and customs and readily grasped the opportunities offered. Among this number in Champaign county is Gottlieb Siegenthaler, farmer of Harrison township. He was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, September 22, 1845. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Wirthmiller) Siegenthaler, both natives also of the vicinity in which the subject of this sketch was born. There they grew to maturity, were married and established their home. Their progenitors were of German stock. John Siegenthaler was born on May 5, 1817, and died on January 17, 1885. His wife was born on February 14, 1816, and died on February 13, 1899. They spent their lives on a farm in Switzerland. They were parents of ten children, six of whom grew to maturity, four dying in infancy, and five are living at this writing, namely: John, who was born on November 5, 1840, came to America, located on a farm in Harrison township, Champaign county, and died there on February 26, 1913; Mary, born in November, 1843, is the wife of Jacob Snider and they live in Canton Bern, Switzerland; Gottlieb, of this sketch; Jacob, May 31, 1850, lives in Switzerland; Elizabeth, November, 1851, is the wife of Otto Linn and they live in Cleveland, Ohio, and Samuel, November, 1855, lives in Oklahoma.

Gottlieb Siegenthaler grew to manhood in Switzerland and there he attended the common schools. In March, 1870, he married Anna Moser, and before leaving their native land three children were born to them. They

immigrated to the United States in 1882, and after a long and tedious journey they landed at Bellefontaine, Ohio, March 25 of that year. They came on to Champaign county, locating in Harrison township and here they have since engaged in farming. In 1890 he moved to his present farm. Although he does not farm on a large scale he is a scientific tiller of the soil and makes his small acreage produce as much as some larger farms. In 1892 he fixed up the old mill in his vicinity and operated it awhile.

Mr. Siegenthaler has three children, namely: Gottlieb, Jr., born on June 4, 1871, lives at West Liberty, Ohio; Samuel, March 9, 1873, is operating the mill on his father's place in Harrison township and mention of him is made in a separate sketch in this work; Anna, the third child, is the wife of Clarence Frantz, and they live in Logan county, this state. The mother of these children died on September 20, 1908.

Politically, Mr. Siegenthaler is a Republican. He joined the Presbyterian church in Harrison township in 1887 and has since been a member of the same.

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#### MRS. LOUISA J. IDLE.

One of the useful and neighborly women in Concord township is Mrs. Louisa J. Idle, widow of the late Wesley Idle. She was born in the locality where she now resides on February 24, 1846, and is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Harshmann) Kiser, both natives of Virginia, where they grew to maturity, attended the early-day school and were married. From that state they made the overland trip on horseback to Ohio, locating in Clark county, where they spent several years on a farm, then came to Champaign county, locating on a farm in Concord township. Here they began life in typical pioneer fashion. He built a log cabin in the woods, cleared his land and developed a farm on which they spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring in 1845. Their family consisted of eleven children, namely: One, who died in infancy; Elijah, John, Betsey, Sallie, Benjamin, Ruhama, Mary, George, Cinderella and Louisa J. The only ones living at this writing are Benjamin W., Cinderella and Louisa J.

Louisa J. (Kiser) Idle was reared on the home farm and received her education in the public schools. On October 21, 1879, she married Wesley Idle, who was born in Concord township, Champaign county, October 20, 1841. He grew up on the home farm and attended the early-day rural schools here. He was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting, on October 22,



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1863, in Company C, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, in which he served faithfully for over two years, being honorably discharged, November 14, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee. He took part in a number of important battles in the South. After the war he returned home and worked at the carpenter's trade, at which he was quite expert, and he made this his chief occupation throughout his active life. He also devoted considerable attention to farming, owning a good farm of ninety acres in Concord township. He was a Republican and he belonged to the Methodist church, to which his widow also belongs. She is still living on the home farm, with her daughter, Allie G. Loudonback, who was born on April 24, 1867.

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### JOHN W. BECK.

John W. Beck, a prominent and successful farmer, living all his life in Champaign county, was born within one-half mile north of where he now lives in Jackson township on March 16, 1868, a son of English parents, both being born in that country.

James Beck, the father of the subject of this sketch, left England with his parents to come to the United States. On the voyage out he was unfortunate enough to lose his father, whose death occurred aboard the ship and he was buried at sea. The widow, her son, James, and a daughter came along to the state of Ohio and settled in this county in Jackson township. His mother acquired a tract of land on which the family settled and on which she spent the remainder of her life.

James Beck was sixteen years old when his mother came to Champaign county and he was a valuable help to her in the work of operating the farm. Some years later he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Smith, also a native of England. He prospered in his farming operations and continued to add to his land holdings, finally acquiring six hundred acres of prime land and also other property and was reputed to be the richest farmer in Jackson township. His farm work was conducted on an extensive scale and continued actively engaged thereat almost to the end of his life, being at the time of his death an octogenarian of eighty-three years. He was regarded throughout the community as a citizen who ever threw the weight of his influence on the side of what was best for the welfare of the township and county in which he lived. To James Beck and wife ten children were born, seven of whom

are still living, namely: Mary J., who became the wife of Edward Montoon; Maria; Prudence, who married Maxwell Stevens; Charles; Anna, wife of William Jenkins; John W., the subject of this sketch, and James, a farmer, of Jackson township. James Beck and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were active in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the church and its good works. He was a supporter of the Republican party, but had never been a seeker after public office.

John W. Beck was reared on the farm and has spent his entire life in Jackson township. He was educated in the public schools of the district and worked on his father's farm for several years. He is now engaged in general farming and is the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of choice land, all of which is kept in an up-to-date state of cultivation, modern methods of farming being notable factors in bringing about success.

On March 26, 1898, John W. Beck was united in marriage to Pearl Warner, who was born in Miami county, Ohio. They are the parents of the following children: Lizzie, James R., Irene, Mildred and Myrtle. The Beck family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Beck serves as a steward. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and takes a warm interest in the work of that order. He is a Republican in political matters, but has never been a seeker after public office. Mr. Beck is well known throughout Champaign county as a progressive farmer and as a citizen he is regarded as measuring up to a standard which represents all that is good and wholesome in the affairs of life.

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### WILLIS O. WING.

Willis O. Wing, a member of the Wing Seed Company, further and fitting mention of which is made in this volume, and one of the best-known and most progressive agriculturists in Champaign county, part proprietor of "Woodland Farm," one mile southeast of Mechanicsburg, in the township of Goshen, was born in the house in which he now lives on that farm and has lived there practically all his life. He was born on May 14, 1871, son of William H. and Jane (Bullard) Wing, natives of New York state, who came to Champaign county in 1865 and established their home on a farm in Goshen township, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

William H. Wing was born in Rensselaer county, New York, in 1818, son of William and Miriam Wing, also natives of that state, who spent all



their lives in their native state. The Wings are of old Colonial stock, the founder of the family in this country having been a Quaker who came here from Holland, the family originally having gone from England to Holland. In Rensselaer county, New York, William H. Wing grew to manhood and there married Jane Bullard, also of an old Colonial family, the Bullards being of "Mayflower" descent. She was born on a farm not far from Geneva, New York. After his marriage William H. Wing was engaged in the mercantile business and in the early sixties he came to Ohio on a little vacation trip and was so deeply impressed with the appearance of things in Champaign county that he decided to locate here. Returning to New York he disposed of his interests there and with his family came back here and bought a "forty" in the neighborhood of Mechanicsburg, the nucleus of the present celebrated "Woodland Farm," widely known in consequence of the astonishing results achieved there in the way of alfalfa culture. William H. Wing was not only a good farmer, but a careful and prudent manager and in time he built up an excellent piece of property there, adding to his holdings until he became the owner of one hundred and ninety-seven acres. The story of the work done by himself and his sons in the way of alfalfa culture and the dissemination of the knowledge of the best means of obtaining satisfactory returns in the cultivation of that valuable forage crop is told elsewhere in this volume and need not be repeated here. The story of the establishment of the Wing Seed Company, growing out of the demand made upon the Wings for alfalfa seed, also is told elsewhere and is one of the most interesting features of the agricultural development of Champaign county. Since the death of the late Joseph Wing, first president of the company, who died in 1915, Charles Wing, another of the sons of William H. Wing, has acted as president of the same. The Wings now control about five hundred and sixty-five acres of excellent land in this county and seven hundred and forty-five acres in the neighboring county of Madison and their seed-supply station at Mechanicsburg has grown from its humble beginning in 1909 to its present extensive proportions. William H. Wing and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Edwin, of Clifton, Ohio; Joseph, former president of the Wing Seed Company, who died on September 7, 1915, and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Jennie May, deceased, and Charles, born on April 8, 1878, present president of the Wing Seed Company.

Willis O. Wing was reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg and upon completing the course in the high school in that city took a supplementary course in Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. From the

days of his boyhood his active labors have been identified with the affairs of "Woodland Farm" and upon the development of the seed business which grew out of the propagation of alfalfa on that farm under the capable direction of Joseph, his brother, he turned his attention to that line and has ever since been connected with the Wing Seed Company, first in charge of the seed station at Mechanicsburg, and actively engaged in extending the interests of the concern through the various channels it controls.

On October 21, 1908, Willis O. Wing was united in marriage to Eva M. Guy, daughter of W. H. and Sarah (Oyler) Guy, and to this union three children have been born, William Guy, James Guy and Phyllis May. Mr. and Mrs. Wing are members of the Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg and take an active part in church work and in the community's general social activities. Mr. Wing is a Mason and a member of the local Grange and takes a warm interest both in the affairs of the Masonic lodge and of the Grange.

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### JASON KIZER.

The unusual distinction of having been born on a farm, seventy-two years ago, which he now owns, belongs to Jason Kizer, who lives on rural route 4 out of St. Paris, Champaign county. He was born on April 2, 1845, the son of Charles and Hannah (Handback) Kizer, the former of whom was born and reared on a farm in Johnson township. Charles Kizer was the son of Joseph and Catherine (Comer) Kizer and was born on January 28, 1818, and lived on a farm throughout his life. Joseph Kizer was born on September 5, 1777, and his wife, on October 19, 1783. Joseph Kizer was the father of the following children, Peter, Daniel, Benjamin, Mary, Philip, Charles, Cornelius and Martin.

Charles and Hannah (Handback) Kizer were the parents of the following children: Barbara, Elizabeth, Ellen, Jason, Mary, Lydia, Harriett, John and George. Ellen married John Bear, who lives in Fletcher, Ohio; Jason is the subject of this sketch; Mary became the wife of Isaac Amons, of Christiansburg, and Harriett married Jacob Pfeister, of St. Paris.

Jason Kizer was reared on the farm he now owns and was educated in the district schools of the neighborhood. He remained at home until he was twenty-five, engaged in work about the farm. He was married to Ellen McMorran on April 22, 1869, and settled on the old farm and continued to live there until he was forty years of age. He then went to Miami county,

Ohio, and purchased eight hundred and sixty acres of land on which he settled and continued to live for fourteen years, at the end of which time he sold it and bought the old home farm of one hundred and sixty acres, moved back on to it and has here resided ever since.

To Jason Kizer and wife four children were born, two of whom are now deceased, the others being Charles C., born on August 29, 1871, who married Nannie Howell and lives in St. Paris, and David P., born on September 5, 1877, who married Margaret Heuling, of St. Paris. Mr. Kizer's wife died on April 18, 1913. Their grandchildren are Olive Marie and Joseph Hanson. Mrs. Kizer's niece, Ella May McMorran, daughter of Simeon McMorran, was taken at the death of her mother and reared by Mr. and Mrs. Kizer. The adopted daughter, who was but three weeks old at the death of her mother, was born on January 22, 1890, and was educated in the schools of Johnson township. She is now Mr. Kizer's housekeeper.

Jason Kizer and his wife are members of the Reformed church at Millers-town, Ohio, and he acted as elder of that congregation for several years. He is a Democrat, and for ten years was a trustee of Johnson township, and for fourteen years served as a member of the school board in Miami county, Ohio. Mr. Kizer now rents his land. He raised some very fine horses and was a breeder of Berkshire swine for fifty years and of Jersey cattle. He always carried on a general farming business.

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#### G. S. F. BATES.

G. S. F. Bates, farmer, of Harrison township, his farm lying along the line of Champaign and Logan counties, was born four miles north of Urbana, Ohio, on the old homestead in Salem township, the place now known as the Bates farm, on October 13, 1865. He is a son of William W. and Celinda (Kenton) Bates. The father was born near Meadville, Pennsylvania, and when eighteen months old his parents brought him overland by wagon and team to Champaign county, locating on a farm in Concord township, near Northville. Here William's father, Adam Bates, cleared land and farmed for some time, later moving to Indiana, where his death occurred. When a young man William W. Bates went to Clark county, Ohio, where he learned the miller's trade, finally returning to Salem township, Champaign county. He operated a mill owned by Governor Vance. Later, he moved to a farm, which he purchased in Salem township and there

spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of eight children, only three of whom are now living, namely: Samuel J. C., living in Salem township; G. S. F., of this review, and Lucy Belle, who makes her home with her brother, Samuel. The father of these children was a Republican and was an influential factor in township and county politics. He was a Universalist in religious belief.

G. S. F. Bates grew to manhood in Salem township, and he attended the district schools of that township. He worked on the home farm until his marriage, which took place on November 22, 1887, to Cora E. Rowley, a daughter of James Rowley and wife.

After his marriage Mr. Bates located at Lippincott, Salem township, and a year later moved northeast of that place, continuing to reside in Salem township three or four years. He then moved to Harrison township for a year; then lived in Urbana township, where he worked three years for John Muzzy, after which he returned to Salem township, but a short time thereafter he went to Concord township, and a little later back to Urbana township for another year. He then bought a farm in Harrison township on which he lived five years. On February 4, 1904, he bought his present farm of eighty acres. He is making a very comfortable living as a general farmer.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bates, namely: Pearl, the wife of Thomas Draper, a teacher in the schools of Christiansburg, Ohio; William A., assisting his father with the work on the home place, and John H., living in Logan county, this state. Politically, Mr. Bates is a Republican.

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#### CHAUNCEY D. KAUFFMAN.

Chauncey D. Kauffman, one of Champaign county's well-known young school teachers, living on rural mail route No. 3 out of West Liberty, was born on a farm in the West Liberty neighborhood and has lived in that vicinity all his life. He was born on August 15, 1896, son of Nicholas B. and Alice E. (King) Kauffman, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, and the latter in Ohio.

Nicholas B. Kauffman was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1866, son of Levi and Fannie (Byler) Kauffman, who years ago moved from that county to Ohio, and here spent their last days. Nicholas B. Kauffman grew to manhood in this state and married Alice E. King, who was born in Sidney, Ohio, December 29, 1866, daughter of David and Leah

(Kauffman) King, who also had come to this state from Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. To that union five children were born, a daughter, now deceased, and four sons, who are all living in the vicinity of West Liberty. Nicholas B. Kauffman died on February 14, 1904, and his widow is living two and one-half miles east of West Liberty.

Chauncey D. Kauffman was reared on a farm and was graduated from the grade schools at Mt. Tabor in 1911, after which he entered the Kings Creek high school and was graduated from the latter in 1915, since which time he has been engaged in teaching school in this county. In 1911 he became a member of the Oak Grove Mennonite church, in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest.

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#### CHARLES F. McINTURFF.

Charles F. McInturff, stock buyer and shipper at Rosewood, Champaign county, was born in Concord township, this county, November 1, 1878. He is a son of Thomas F. and Anna (Norris) McInturff. The father was born near Little Fort, Shenandoah county, Virginia, and the mother was born near Troy, Ohio. The father came to Champaign county, when twelve years old and settled in Concord township with his parents, and here he grew to manhood and married. He became one of the leading stock breeders and farmers of his township. He was the first man in the township to own imported horses. He also operated a horse-power threshing machine for a period of thirty-two years, being one of the best known threshers in the county in pioneer days. He was a Republican and supported the Methodist Episcopal church. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Springhill, and was past noble grand and was active in the work of the lodge. His death occurred on November 14, 1913. His family consisted of five children, all living in 1917 but one, namely: Charles F., of this sketch; Elizabeth, the wife of Frank G. Mohr; Louisa, who has remained unmarried; Frank, a farmer, and Nelle, deceased.

Charles F. McInturff spent his boyhood in Concord, Harrison and Adams townships. He received his education in the local district schools and the high school. He worked with his father on the home farm until reaching his majority. At the breaking out of the Spanish-American War he enlisted in Company D, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on April 26, 1898, and, after becoming a proficient soldier, was mustered out on October 26th of that year.

Mr. McInturff returned to Harrison township, Champaign county, after his experience in the army and in a short time bought a meat market at Degraff, Logan county, which he conducted two years; then returned to Champaign county and has since made his home, engaging in buying and shipping live stock to the markets. He has shipped many carloads of cattle and hogs annually, and is one of the best known stockmen in the county. He is an exceptionally good judge of live stock. For a period of eleven years he traveled on the road, and bought cattle in the Chicago market, which he sold in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. McInturff was married in the fall of 1901 to Jennie Kessler, a native of Jackson township, Champaign county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. Six children were born to this union, five now living, namely: Paul, Ralph, Rodney, Thomas, deceased, Floyd and Beulah.

Politically, Mr. McInturff is a Republican. He belongs to Rosewood Lodge No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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### JUDGE GEORGE FITHIAN.

The act of February 20, 1805, creating the county of Champaign, designated the house of George Fithian in Springfield as the temporary seat of justice. Later in that same year George Fithian moved to the site now occupied by the city of Urbana, erected there a hewed-log house and opened in that primitive structure a tavern. He helped lay out the townsite and in 1806 his inn became the first "store" of the village, Samuel McCord being the storekeeper. The site occupied by that historic old tavern is now occupied by the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, the congregation of which has long owned the corner. In 1821 the Legislature elected George Fithian associate judge of Champaign county and in that judicial capacity and in many other useful ways his services proved of great value to the new community during the formative period, his efforts in behalf of good government during the time of the creation of a proper social order out here in the then wilderness of western Ohio having been of incalculable benefit to the settlers and proper and fitting mention of which is made in the historical section of this work.

Judge Fithian was an Eastern man, a New Englander, and his children were reared in the new settlement at Urbana. Years later Judge Fithian was



appointed to a government position, with headquarters at Danville, Illinois, to which place he moved with one of his sons, Dr. William Fithian, and a daughter, his wife meantime having died, and there he spent his last days, he and his family becoming well-established in the Danville community, the town of Fithian, a few miles west of Danville, taking its name from its founder, one of Judge Fithian's sons. James Fithian, another son of the Judge, married Ellen Holland and with his bride rode horseback from the East and established his home in Urbana, picking out a lot in that then straggling village at what is now 300 Scioto street, built a log house on that site and there started a tailor shop, probably the first tailor shop in the village. His wife was a skilled seamstress and in addition to aiding her husband in his tailoring work also did a thriving business as a dressmaker there in an early day. She survived her husband many years, her death occurring at her old home in Urbana in 1861, she then being seventy-six years of age. James Fithian and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an active part in church affairs and in the general good works of the community during their day. They were the parents of eight children, George, Milton, James, Eliza, Harriet and three who died in infancy. George Fithian became a printer and for years worked on *The Plow Boy* at Columbus. He later moved to Natchez, Mississippi, where he died. Milton Fithian, who married Caroline McGrew, spent his life in Urbana, where he became engaged in farming and later in the brokerage business. He was a well-to-do landowner. James Fithian, Jr., followed his father's vocation as a tailor and spent his life in Urbana. He was unmarried.

Eliza Fithian, born on April 1, 1820, spent all her life at the old home, 300 Scioto street, where she was born and there died on July 10, 1904, she then being eighty-four years of age. For many years she conducted the leading millinery store at Urbana, women coming from all parts of the county to buy their millinery goods from her. She married Isaac Pence, who was born in the neighboring county of Clark and who long preceded her to the grave, and to that union four children were born, John, George, Charles and Ella. John Pence, now deceased, was a printer and spent his life in Urbana. He married Katherine Langhoff and had one son, George E. Pence, now a resident of Toledo. George Pence, who died in the fall of 1914, was a well-known carpenter at Urbana. Charles Pence, now retired, a veteran of the Civil War, has also been a lifelong resident of Urbana. Miss Ella Pence, who continues to occupy the old home place at 300 Scioto street, has always lived there. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has

ever given her earnest attention to church work, as well as to the general social activities of her home town and has been helpful in many ways in promoting movements having to do with the advancement of the general welfare of the community at large.

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### ISAAC S. PENCE.

One of the native-born sons of Champaign county, who has lived all his life on his present farm, is Isaac S. Pence, who was born in Johnson township, on February 3, 1857, the son of Isaac and Martha (Brown) Pence, the former of whom was a native of Virginia, and the latter of Champaign county.

Isaac Pence, Sr., was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1797, and was reared and educated in his native state, where he grew to young manhood, and served his country in a Virginia regiment during the War of 1812. As a young man he came with his parents to Champaign county, where the family became identified with the earliest settlers of this county. At that time Urbana was but a trading point with but two houses in the town and very few settlers in the county. Indians and wild game abounded in the almost unbroken forests, and after arriving at Urbana, the Pence family, which consisted of four brothers and two sisters with their parents, proceeded to the land which the father had entered from the government, and it required two weeks' time to cut their way through the trackless woods to the land, which was all in timber. Here they began the task of clearing and cultivating their farm and making a home in the wilderness, and here the wife and mother died. Afterwards Isaac Pence married Martha Brown, the mother of the subject of this sketch, whose parents were also among the early settlers of these parts, and who was born near Terre Haute, Mad River township, this county. Her parents were also natives of the Old Dominion state. To Isaac and Martha (Brown) Pence seven children were born, six of whom are living: B. F., a farmer living in Johnson township; James E., of Johnson township; John W., a resident of Concord township; Isaac S., the immediate subject of this review; Jennie, the wife of John Bedell, of Celina, Ohio; Charles, living in Seattle, Washington, and Jason, who died, leaving five children. Isaac Pence, Sr., was an earnest member of the old Reformed church, and was a Democrat in politics.

Isaac S. Pence was reared on the old home farm, receiving his education in the rural schools of his county, and assisting with the work of the farm during the summer seasons. After his marriage he and his brother, B. F.,

divided the home farm, and Isaac S. moved to that part of the farm where he is now living. Here he owns seventy-five acres of fine land, as well as fifty-five acres adjoining it. He has a well-equipped farm in every particular, with good buildings and machinery, and has made a very commendable success of his chosen calling.

On December 7, 1877, Isaac S. Pence was married to Rebecca Offenhacher, who was born in Johnson township, this county, on a farm about two miles west of where she is now living, and who is a daughter of Isaiah Offenhacher. Her father was also a native of Johnson township, his parents coming to the county among the early settlers from Virginia. Isaac S. Pence and wife are the parents of four children, three of whom are now living: Otto, a resident of Johnson township, married Blanche Berry, and they are the parents of one son, Donald; Walter, of St. Paris, Ohio, married Carrie Jenkins, and they have one son, Herbert; Willard, living on the home farm, married Ethel Body. The family are members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church in Mad River township. Mr. Pence is a Democrat in politics, and deeply interested in all movements which have for their object the betterment of his community.

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### WILLIAM W. KIRKWOOD.

William W. Kirkwood, farmer of Harrison township, Champaign county, was born not far from where he now lives, but across the line in Liberty township, Logan county, on August 27, 1848. He is a son of David M. and Marianne (Baird) Kirkwood, and a grandson of William Kirkwood, the latter a son of David Kirkwood, who was a pioneer resident of Champaign county where he secured a land grant, entering a tract of land from the government in 1817, and here he established the family home in the wilderness, built a log cabin, cleared and developed a farm, on which David M. Kirkwood grew up and, in fact, lived and died here. His wife, Marianne Baird, was a native of Logan county, a half-mile east of the present Kirkwood home. She was a daughter of Robert and Margaret Baird, who were early settlers of Logan county, coming to Ohio from Virginia. Nine children were born to David M. Kirkwood and wife, five of whom are still living, namely: W. W., of this sketch, the eldest of the family; Robert, living in Urbana; Ira, in West Liberty, Ohio; Emma J., in Akron, Minnesota, and Addie, wife of J. W. Simpson, also lives in Akron, Minnesota.

Politically, David M. Kirkwood was a Republican, but was not a biased

partisan. He and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church at West Liberty, Ohio. His death occurred on February 14, 1881, and she died on July 3, 1902.

W. W. Kirkwood was reared on the home farm and he attended the common schools. After his marriage he located on a farm in Monroe township, Logan county, where he spent four years, then bought a farm southwest of Spring Hill in Harrison township, Champaign county, and lived there sixteen years. In November, 1905, when he removed to the home place, where he owns sixty-two acres which he has kept well improved and well tilled.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood three children have been born, namely: Annie, the wife of Guy Speece, of Harrison township; Charles M., in Toledo, Ohio; Elisha L., at home and is helping to operate the farm.

Politically, Mr. Kirkwood is a Republican. He served as justice of the peace several terms, giving eminent satisfaction to all concerned. He also served on the local school board. His wife belongs to the Methodist church, as do also her children.

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#### WILLIAM A. YINGER, M. D.

One of the leading young physicians and surgeons of Champaign county is Dr. William A. Yinger, of Rosewood, Adams township. He was born on the home farm near the village of Rosewood, Ohio, February 4, 1877. He is a son of William H. and Mary J. (Clark) Yinger, the father a native of Shelby county, Ohio, and the mother was born in Adams township, Champaign county. They were married in this county and still reside here, making their home on a farm not far from Rosewood. To these parents five children have been born, namely: Charles, farming in Adams township; Dr. William A., of this sketch; Lulu F., the widow of Daniel Mitchell; C. B., farming in Adams township, and E. E., also a farmer of Adams township.

Dr. William A. Yinger spent his boyhood days on the home farm where he worked during the crop seasons, when he became of proper age, and in the winter time he attended the district schools of Adams township, also studied at the local high school and the Urbana high school. When a young man he taught school in his native county three years, then entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, where he spent four years, and made an excellent record, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He not only prepared himself for the general work of a

physician, but also specialized as a surgeon. After his graduation he returned to Champaign county and began the practice of his profession at Rosewood in 1904 and here he has since remained. He has built up a large and lucrative practice and has been very successful. He has remained a student of all that pertains to his profession and has therefore kept well abreast of the times. He is a member of the Champaign County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Yinger was married in September, 1900, to Minnie Cisco, a native of Adams township, this county, where she grew to womanhood, and she was graduated from the local high school, after which she taught school one year.

To the Doctor and wife two children have been born, namely: Starling, born in Columbus, Ohio, February 21, 1903, and Beulah, born on December 11, 1905.

Politically, Dr. Yinger is a Republican. He is at present serving as health officer for his district. He is a member of Mt. Zion United Brethren church, and his wife belongs to the Christian church at Carysville.

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### WILLIAM H. YINGER.

William H. Yinger, a farmer living near Rosewood in Adams township, Champaign county, was born in Miami county, Ohio, August 17, 1847. He is a son of Casper and Nancy (Burton) Yinger. The father was born in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, and was a son of Henry and Deborah (Deaver) Yinger. He came to the United States with his parents when young, the family locating in Maryland, but later moved to Virginia, where they lived until Casper Yinger was twelve years old, when the family moved to Montgomery county, Ohio. He later came to Shelby county, where he married and rented land for some time, later buying a farm in that county and there Casper and Nancy Yinger spent the rest of their lives. They were parents of seven children.

William H. Yinger grew up on the farm. He started out in life for himself at an early age, his parents dying when he was young. He went to live with Fleming Hall who reared him and sent him to school and with him Mr. Yinger remained until he was twenty-five years old, at which time he married Mary J. Clark and located on one of the farms of Fleming Hall, on which he remained three years; then moved to Adams township,

Champaign county, where he bought eighty acres on which he still lives, and to which he has added until the place now consists of three hundred acres. He has prospered through perseverance and good management and is one of the foremost general farmers of his township. His place is well improved and he has a modernly equipped home and numerous substantial outbuildings. He raises a large amount of grain, but feeds most of it to live stock, preparing several carloads of hogs and cattle annually for the market. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, which has been through his own efforts and in the face of discouraging early environment.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yinger the following children have been born: Charles E., married and is farming in Adams township; Dr. William A., who is a graduate of the local schools and the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, a practicing physician at Rosewood, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume; Lulu F., who was graduated from the township schools, is the widow of Daniel Mitchell and she has three children; C. B., who was graduated from the local high school, is married and lives on a farm in Adams township, and E. E., also a graduate of the local schools and is now engaged in farming in Adams township.

Politically, Mr. Yinger is a Republican. He served as trustee of Adams township for a period of twelve years, discharging his duties very ably and acceptably. While he does not affiliate with any special church organization, he is a liberal supporter of the churches and has helped to build different church edifices.

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### FRED N. JOHNSON.

Fred N. Johnson, proprietor of a well-kept farm two and one-half miles south of Spring Hill, on rural mail route No. 1 out of West Liberty, on the Urbana-Spring Hill pike, in Harrison township, this county, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Concord township on July 11, 1876, son of Silas and Sarah (Weidman) Johnson, both also natives of this county, the former born on a pioneer farm in the vicinity of Cable and the latter in Salem township, whose last days were spent in the county of their birth.

Silas Johnson was a member of one of the old families in Champaign county. He was born in 1845 and was but six years of age when his father died. When ten years of age he left the home farm in the Cable neighbor-



hood and moved with his mother and sister to Concord township. After his marriage to Sarah Weidman he lived for a year on a farm south of Lippencott, in Salem township, and then established his home on a farm in Concord township, where Ralph Johnson now lives, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring in 1909 and hers in 1915. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Anna, now deceased, who was the wife of Joseph Hewling; Frank, who died at the age of nineteen; Lella, wife of Fred Hurst, of Union township, this county; Charles A., who is living on a farm south of Kennard; Emma, wife of Charles Bair, of Mad River township, and Ralph W., who is living on the old home place in Concord township. Silas Johnson and wife were members of Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal church and he for years served as a trustee of that church. Politically, he was a Democrat and had served the public as trustee of his home township.

Fred N. Johnson was reared on the home farm in Concord township, receiving his schooling in the local district school and in the high school at Kings Creek, and remained at home until his marriage when twenty-four years of age, after which he established his home on the Callend place, his wife's old home, and after three years of residence there built the house in which he is now living, on the old Joseph Callend place and has ever since made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. In addition to the tract of one hundred and thirty-eight acres which Mr. Johnson is farming there, he owns a further tract of one hundred and fifty-seven acres across the road from his home place and is regarded as one of the substantial farmers of that neighborhood. Politically, Mr. Johnson is a Democrat and is at present serving as a member of the township board of education.

On December 25, 1900, F. N. Johnson was united in marriage to Nellie Callend, who was born in Harrison township, this county, daughter of Joseph and Isabel (Wilson) Callend, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Joseph N., who died at the age of one month; Robert C., born on August 25, 1906, and Sarah Isabel, March 22, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Presbyterian church at Spring Hill and take a proper interest in church work and other neighborhood good works. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Masonic lodge at West Liberty and of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Degraff and takes a warm interest in the affairs of both of these fraternal organizations.

## MOSES BURRIS.

Moses Burris, a well-known farmer of Rush township, now living practically retired at North Lewisburg, was born in the neighboring county of Union on August 12, 1850, son of Amos and Polly Ann (Amerine) Burris, both also natives of this state, the former a native of Adams county and the latter of Union county, the former of whom is still living on his well-improved farm in that latter county.

Amos Burris grew up on a farm in Adams county, where he was born in 1825, receiving his schooling in that county, and as a young man moved to Union county and began farming near Marysville. There he married Polly Ann Amerine, whose parents were among the early settlers of Union county, and after his marriage established his home on a farm near Marysville, where he is still living, at the ripe old age of ninety-two years. His wife died in 1913. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Randolph and Edgar Burris, and a sister, Mrs. Martha Reed.

Reared on the home farm in Union county, Moses Burris received his schooling in the public schools of that vicinity and upon reaching manhood began farming on his own account. After his marriage he rented a farm in the neighborhood of his old home and there made his home for a couple of years. In the spring of 1877 he moved to another farm and remained there ten years, at the end of which time he moved to Logan county and rented a farm north of North Lewisburg, where he lived for several years. He then came down into Champaign county and rented the Lincoln farm in Rush township, where he made his home for fourteen years, at the end of which time he left the farm and moved to North Lewisburg, where he bought a small tract of land on the edge of the village and where he since has made his home, although he continues to give his personal attention to the old Lincoln farm in Rush township. Besides the property he owns in North Lewisburg Mr. Burris is the owner of a farm of sixty-eight acres in Union county. In addition to his general farming he long has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done very well. He is a Republican and has always given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

Mr. Burris has been twice married. In 1874 he was united in marriage to Alice Smith, who died in 1888 without issue and on August 28, 1891, he was united in marriage to Nellie Burris, who was born in Huntington county,



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Indiana, daughter of Martin and Narcissa (Forest) Burris, the former of whom was born in this state, and the latter in the state of Indiana. Martin Burris was but a lad when he moved from this state to Indiana with his parents and he became a well-to-do farmer in Huntington county, that state. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living, those besides Mrs. Burris being Rosa, wife of Daniel Quinn; Josie, wife of John Worm and Chester and Clarence Burris. Mr. and Mrs. Burris are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active interest in church work and in other local good works. Mr. Burris is past chancellor commander of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and takes a warm interest in Pythian affairs. He and his wife have an adopted daughter, Alma, who married Sherman Hall and has one child, a son, Harold. The Halls make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Burris.

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#### PETER RHYNARD.

Peter Rhynard, farmer, of Johnson township, Champaign county, was born in the same locality where he now lives, on what is now known as the John W. Kiser farm, on the Piqua and Urbana pike, February 15, 1858. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (McKinley) Rhynard. The father was born in Darke county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. He was a son of Peter Rhynard, of Persian descent, Peter's father having been born in Persia. Samuel Rhynard left home when eighteen years old and went to Covington, Miami county, Ohio, where he spent a few years and learned the saddler's trade, then came to St. Paris, Champaign county, and began business for himself, but later he went overland in wagons to Iowa, engaging in farming two or three years near Cedar Rapids. He then returned to Champaign county, locating in Johnson township, but in a short time he again launched out in business at St. Paris, remaining there three or four years, then bought the old McKinley farm, where Orlando Pence now lives. He continued to reside there until 1879, when he moved to the farm where G. W. Rhynard now lives, remaining there until 1883, when he retired from active life, locating in St. Paris, where he lived until his death in 1888. His wife died on the farm in 1878. They were parents of six children, namely: William A., deceased; Sarah, who married William Mills, of Pike county, Ohio; Peter, of this sketch; G. W., in Johnson township, this county; Albert A., in Cleveland, Ohio, and

Elmer E., making his home in Ithaca, New York. The father of these children was a Republican and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in his earlier years.

Peter Rhynard was reared on the home farm in Johnson township, and he was educated in the district schools. He assisted his father with the general work on the farm until he was twenty-three years old, then began working out by the month, continuing for two years, then farmed on the home place. He rented land until 1889, when he bought eighty acres in Johnson township, near the town of St. Paris and here he has since resided. He has a well-kept and productive farm and is engaged in general agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Rhynard was married in September, 1883, to Lillie M. Apple, a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Watkins) Apple, the former a native of Pennsylvania and she was born near Xenia, Ohio. They settled northwest of St. Paris; he was a farmer and he died in 1900. She died in March, 1892. They were members of the Lutheran church of St. Paris. They had eight children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rhynard six children have been born, namely: Minnie E., the wife of Sylvester Landenburg, and they live in Jackson township; Elizabeth C., the wife of Foster H. Van Skiver and they live in Jackson township; Bessie E., single and lives in Piqua, Ohio; Oda B., at home; E. Viola, attending school, and Mildred, who died when seven years old. Politically, Mr. Rhynard is a Republican.

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### SAMUEL SIEGENTHALER.

Samuel Siegenthaler, who is operating a mill in Harrison township, Champaign county, was born in Canton Jura, Switzerland, March 9, 1873. He is a son of Gottlieb and Anna (Moser) Siegenthaler, both natives of Canton Bern, Switzerland, where they grew up, married and lived on a farm until 1882, when they came to America, locating in Champaign county, Ohio, and the father has since resided on a farm in Harrison township. He is mentioned in a separate sketch, which appears on another page of this work. The mother is deceased.

Samuel Siegenthaler, who is the second of a family of three children, grew to manhood on the farm in Harrison township, and he received his education in the district schools. He lived at home until his marriage, which



took place on October 4, 1905, to Sylvia Neal, who was born in Concord township, this county, June 15, 1885, and here she grew to womanhood and attended school, receiving most of her education in the schools of Mad River township. She is a daughter of James T. and Anna B. (Long) Neal, who located, in 1900, on a farm in Harrison township, where the family has since resided.

After his marriage Samuel Siegenthaler lived one year in Harrison township, then in the fall of 1906 he moved to Quincy, Ohio, where he lived two years; then returned to Harrison township, where he has since resided. He is operating the mill on his father's farm. His family consists of six children, namely: Pauline, born on April 24, 1906; Grant E., June 27, 1908; Bonnie, August 3, 1910; Laura, October 9, 1912; James Wilson, October 2, 1914, and Thelma, August 23, 1916, died on February 1, 1917. The three eldest children are in school at this writing.

Politically Mr. Siegenthaler is a Republican and he is active in public affairs and influential in his party in this county. When a young man he served as constable of Harrison township, then was township assessor during 1902 and 1903. In 1911 he was elected township clerk, which office he has since filled. He has also been a member of the board of education of Harrison township since 1911, also is treasurer of the board. He has filled these public offices in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned, being faithful and reliable. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian church at Spring Hill. He is active in church affairs and is leader of the choir.

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### JOHN W. WELLER.

One of the oldest native-born citizens of Champaign county, who for many years was a well-known contractor and bridge worker, is John W. Weller, now living at his comfortable home on rural route No. 4, out of St. Paris. Mr. Weller was born on what is known as the John Weller farm in Johnson township, on March 7, 1847, and is the youngest of seven children born to John and Anna (Pirkey) Weller.

John Weller was a native of Virginia, his birth having occurred in Augusta county, that state, on March 5, 1806. Anna Pirkey was also a Virginian by birth, having been born in Rockingham county on November 3, 1805. Both were reared to maturity in their native state, and were

married there on July 7, 1830, and six years later they came to Champaign county, Ohio. Here they purchased what was known as the Christian Miller farm, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres. This farm had originally contained one hundred and sixty acres, but Christian Miller and his brother, John, had each given ten acres of land for the townsite of Millerstown. On this farm John Weller and his wife located, living here the remainder of their lives, he passing away in June, 1858, while his widow survived him many years, her death occurring on February 9, 1889. John Weller was well known and highly respected in the early days of the county, and took a prominent part in the development and welfare of their community. He was a Republican in politics and active in the councils of his party. Both he and his wife were earnest and active members of the Reformed church, in the early development of which they were deeply interested. They were the parents of seven children, only three of whom are now living: J. C., of Telluride, Colorado; Maggie, wife of Octavus Morgan, residents of Los Angeles, California; John W., the immediate subject of this review, Amariah, born on January 15, 1833, deceased; Ananias, March 17, 1840, died on February 20, 1866; William H., September 21, 1842, died on April 8, 1892; Jenetta C., wife of G. W. Heck, April 21, 1835, died on October 3, 1914.

John W. Weller was reared to manhood on the home farm, and early in life learned to make his own way in the world, his father dying when he was but a lad of eleven years. He assisted his mother in the operation of the home place until his marriage, when he started in to farm for himself. He moved to Logan county, Ohio, shortly after his marriage, where he farmed for three years, after which he returned to Millerstown, where he engaged in the saw-mill business for two years. At the end of that time he took up mason contracting and bridge work, in which business he was very successfully engaged for many years, with the exception of the year 1880-1881, during which time he was in Colorado.

On June 7, 1869, John W. Weller was united in marriage to Sarah A. Printz, who was born in the northwestern part of Johnson township, this county, on October 31, 1847, and was a daughter of Abram and Lucy Printz, both of whom were also natives of this county, but descendants of old Virginia stock. Mr. and Mrs. Weller were the parents of two children: M. Frank, who married Elvie Jenkins, is a resident of Millerstown, and the father of two children, Walter A. and Charles D.; Addie V., the wife of B. M. Norman, of Millerstown, and they are the parents of two children, Paul L. and Dan. The mother of these children died on May 2,

1905. She was a devoted member of the Lutheran church, always taking an active part in the affairs of the local congregation. Mr. Weller is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Crayon, Ohio, while politically, he is affiliated with the Republican party.

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### CHARLES W. SCOBY.

Charles W. Scoby, a farmer of Harrison township, Champaign county, was born in Greene township, Shelby county, Ohio, July 1, 1872. He is a son of Edward and Ann (Stephenson) Scoby. Edward Scoby was born in Pennsylvania, possibly Bucks county, and from there he came with his parents, when a boy, to Shelby county, Ohio, making the trip in wagons, and in that place the family established their future home on a farm, but finally moved to the vicinity of Troy, Miami county, where the grandparents died. Edward Scoby grew to manhood on the farm in Shelby county and there he married Ann Stephenson, who was a native of Logan county, and a daughter of Charles Stephenson, who came to Ohio from West Virginia, being one of the early settlers of Logan county. After his marriage Edward Scoby settled on a farm in Shelby county and lived there many years, or until he moved to Johnson township, but eventually moved to Rosewood, Adams township, where Mr. Scoby died. His widow is still living there. He made a success as a general farmer and was a man of good reputation. Politically, he was a Democrat. While living in Shelby county he served as trustee of Greene township for several terms. He was also trustee of Johnson township, Champaign county, for three terms; he made an excellent trustee in both counties. Three children, all living at this writing, were born to Edward Scoby and wife, namely: Lizzie is the wife of Joseph Atkinson of Sidney, Ohio; Charles W., of this sketch; and Edward G., a carpenter by trade, lives in Rosewood and often works in Sidney.

Charles W. Scoby was fourteen years old when his parents moved to Johnson township, this county. He grew to manhood on the farm where he worked during the crop seasons and he attended the district schools in the winter time. On December 25, 1895, he married Pearl Commer, a daughter of Russell and Kate (Pence) Commer. After his marriage he began farming on rented land in Adams township. After living there four years he moved to Johnson township, where he farmed for seven years, four years of which were spent on the C. B. Mahan place. In 1907 he pur-

chased his present farm of ninety-six acres in Harrison township, two miles southwest of Spring Hill. He has a well-kept place and a good set of buildings. He is making a very comfortable living as a general farmer. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Scoby, all living at this writing, namely: Warren, Gladys, Hazel, and Charles, all at home.

Politically, Mr. Scoby is a Democrat. In 1910 he was elected township trustee and he has been incumbent of this office since January 1, 1911, and is now president of the board. He is a member of St. Paris Lodge No. 344, Knights of Pythias.

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### JOHN P. McMORRAN.

John P. McMorran, one of Johnson township's well-known and substantial farmers and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and eighteen acres one mile northwest of St. Paris, was born in the house where he is now living on May 6, 1860. He is a son of Christian and Susanna (Loudenback) McMorran, the former of whom was born on September 17, 1822, in Pennsylvania, and the latter on November 6, 1830, in Ohio.

Christian McMorran was a son of Samuel McMorran, who came to Dayton, Ohio, from Pennsylvania, in an early day. He did not remain long at Dayton, moving into this county, where he located on a farm in Johnson township, now known as the Naaman Apple farm. After living on this place for a short time, he bought land south of St. Paris, in Jackson township, and on part of this farm the cemetery now stands. After leaving this farm he moved to the place where John P. McMorran now lives, and here he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring on July 18, 1884, while his widow survived him several years, passing away in 1908. They were the parents of five children, four of whom grew to maturity: John P., of this sketch; Estella, the wife of O. P. Mitchell, of Huntington county, Indiana; Abraham L., deceased; Mary J., the wife of William Heater, of St. Paris, and James, who died in infancy. The family were earnest members of the First Baptist church at St. Paris, taking an active interest in church affairs, Mr. McMorran serving as trustee of this church for many years. He was a well known man in this section, taking a prominent and active part in the social, civic and religious life of the community, and was very successful in his business affairs.

John P. McMorran was reared to manhood on the home farm, receiving his education in the public schools of his township. He has always remained

on the old homestead farm, caring for his parents while they lived, and operating the farm on a partnership basis up to his father's death, since which time he has owned and operated the same on his account. His father had been very successful in his business affairs, accumulating over six hundred acres of fine land, and ranked among the leading citizens of the township.

Like his parents, Mr. McMorran takes an active interest in church affairs, and is now serving as trustee of the Baptist church at St. Paris. He is a Republican in politics, and while not an ardent partisan, yet he takes a proper interest in all civic matters pertaining to the welfare of his home community. Fraternally, he is a member of St. Paris Lodge No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also holds membership in Russell encampment, holding the office of past chief patriarch in that organization. He is also a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, and of Lodge No. 144, Improved Order of Red Men, in all of which societies he is deeply interested.

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#### NAAMAN L. APPLE.

Naaman L. Apple, farmer, of near St. Paris, Johnson township, Champaign county, was born on the farm where he still makes his home, October 14, 1865. He is a son of William and Mary (Lyons) Apple, both representatives of old families of this locality. The father was born two miles south of St. Paris, in Jackson township. He was a son of Solomon Apple, one of the early settlers in Champaign county, having moved here from Montgomery county, Ohio. He cleared a farm in the midst of the wilderness of Jackson township and there spent the rest of his life, becoming one of the successful pioneer farmers there. William Apple grew to manhood on the home farm in Jackson township. His wife, Mary Lyons, was born in Johnson township, this county. She was a daughter of Christian Lyons, who located in that township on a farm in an early day, migrating to this county from Virginia. He too, cleared the virgin soil and developed a good farm here on which land he spent the rest of his life. After their marriage William and Mary Apple located on a farm one and one-half miles northeast of St. Paris and here they spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring first. They had a good home and were highly respected throughout the neighborhood. Their family consisted of five children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are, Albert L., who lived at St. Paris, this county, and died in June, 1917; Naaman L., of this sketch, and Frank, who lives in Johnson township.

Politically, William Apple was a Democrat and was always active in party affairs. He served as township trustee for some time. He was a member of the Lutheran church. His wife belonged to the Reformed Lutheran church.

Naaman L. Apple grew up on the home farm at St. Paris. He attended the district schools. He assisted with the general work on the place when he became of proper age. On August 18, 1898, he married Lois Burroughs, a daughter of William and Celestine (Epps) Burroughs. After their marriage they located near the homestead, but in a short time moved onto the home place, where they have since resided. He has kept the farm well cultivated and under excellent improvements. He owns in all two hundred and thirty-four acres, two hundred of which comprise the home farm. He has kept the land all in shipshape and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He fattens large numbers of hogs and cattle annually for the market, feeding to his stock most of the grain that the place produces.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Apple, namely: Clela A., attending high school; Trixie M., also in high school; Naaman L., Jr., in the public schools of St. Paris, where the local high school is also located.

Politically, Mr. Apple is a Democrat, but is not especially active in public affairs. He is a member of the Reformed church at St. Paris, and is an elder in the same. He has for some time been active in church work. His wife also belongs to this church.

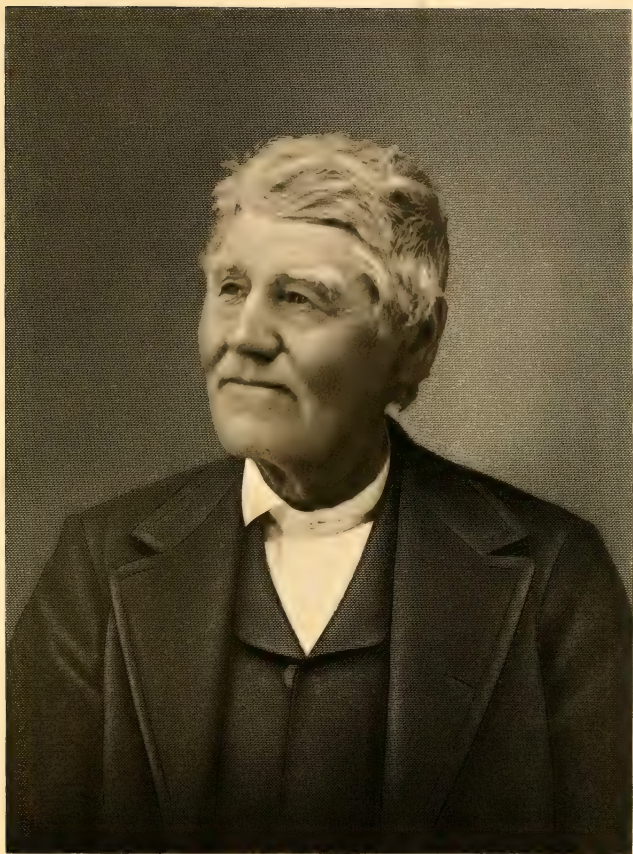
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### HENRY LEONARD.

Among the older residents of Urbana and of Champaign county there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the late Henry Leonard, who died at his home in Urbana in 1898, at the great age of ninety-one years and six months, after a residence of more than thirty years in that city, where and throughout the county he held extensive real-estate interests, having come to this county and settled at Urbana after his retirement from business in Cincinnati, in which city he had lived since the days of his childhood.

Henry Leonard was born in the state of Pennsylvania, but was but a child when his parents, Philip Leonard and wife, the former of whom also was born in that state, moved to Cincinnati, where they spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of four children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had two brothers, Daniel and John, and a sister, Sarah. Having been but a boy when his parents moved to Cincinnati, Henry





*Henry Leonard*



Leonard acquired a limited schooling in that city and early became connected with the pork-packing industry there, a business in which he later embarked on his own account and in which he became very successful, for forty years being one of the best-known figures in that line of industry in the Central West. During the period of the Civil War Mr. Leonard was a liberal contributor to the food needs of the soldiers passing that way and was ever a staunch friend of the "boys in blue"; not only giving them large quantities of the products of his packing house, but being alert to their other needs, lodging them and otherwise contributing to their comfort as the need arose. In 1870 Mr. Leonard retired from business in Cincinnati and moved with his family to Urbana, where he made extensive investments in real estate and also bought considerable tracts of land in this county, and until the day of his death in 1898 took a hearty interest in the general business affairs of the city and county, helpful in many ways in promoting and advancing the same. His widow survived him more than a year, her death occurring in 1900, she then being eighty-three years of age.

Henry Leonard was united in marriage to Eliza Myers, who was born in the village of Aberdeen, over in Ohio county, Indiana, not far down the river from Cincinnati, a daughter of Jacob Myers and wife, who were the parents of four children, Mrs. Leonard having had three sisters, Charlotte, Sarah Jane and Mary, and to this union were born six children, of whom but one, Mrs. Agnes Scheidt, of Urbana, the fifth in order of birth, now survives, the others having been as follow: Mary Jane, who died unmarried; George, who died in St. Louis, where he was engaged in the livery business; William, who was killed while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and who was the father of Capt. George Leonard, jeweler, of Urbana; Eliza, who married John Legner and spent her life in Cincinnati, and John, who spent his last days as a farmer in Clark county, this state.

Miss Agnes Leonard remained with her parents, faithfully and devotedly attentive to their needs during the declining years of their lives, and after their death continued to reside at the old home in Urbana. On May 17, 1917, Miss Leonard was united in marriage to John F. Scheidt, who was born in Zanesville, this state, but who has resided in Urbana since 1884; he and his brother, Charles Scheidt, being engaged there in the sheet-metal business, under the firm name of Scheidt Brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Schedit reside at the old Leonard home, where they are very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. Mrs. Scheidt owns considerable property in Cincinnati, as well as a good deal of real estate in Urbana and several valuable farms in this county, and takes an active interest in the general affairs of the city and county.

The benefactions of her father, who was a very generous and open-handed man, ever had her sympathetic approval and all good works in this community continue to find in her a friendly and liberal supporter. She has ever taken a proper interest in the general social activities of her home town and has been able to help in many ways in the betterment of general conditions hereabout.

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### LOGAN CARLO.

Logan Carlo, lawyer and farmer of St. Paris, Ohio, one of the native-born sons of Champaign county, was born on the old home farm, one mile east of St. Paris, on the Piqua and Urbana pike, on September 8, 1872. He is a son of Edwin and Virginia (Hattery) Carlo, both natives of Ohio.

Edwin Carlo was born on the same farm where his son, Logan, is now living, in 1836, the son of Dr. William Moritz Carlo, who was born in Dresden, Germany, in the kingdom of Saxony. Doctor Carlo grew to manhood in his native land, and began the study of medicine there, taking a university course in the old country. After completing his studies in Germany, he came to the United States as a young man, locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, first, continuing in the active practice of his profession there for some time, and was there married. He then came to Miamisburg, Ohio, where he lived for a short time, later removing to the vicinity of St. Paris, where he started the first store in the village, which was then called New Paris, but later through the influence of Doctor Carlo, the name was changed to St. Paris. He conducted this store and practiced medicine in this community for many years, purchasing the farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Johnson township, where Logan Carlo now lives shortly after arriving in the county. This farm was all new land at that time, being all in woods with no improvement whatever. In later years, Doctor Carlo moved to this farm, and continued his practice while living on the farm, and here he remained until his death. Edwin Carlo was the second child and oldest son of Doctor Carlo, in a family of fifteen children. He grew to manhood on the home farm, and after his marriage, bought the place and located here. As a young man of eighteen he left home and went to California during the time of the gold rush to that state, where he remained fourteen years. At the end of that time he returned to Champaign county, married, and settled down on the old home place. His wife, Virginia Hattery, was a daughter of Edward and Amanda Hattery, who trace their ancestry back

to French-Irish origin. Virginia Hattery was born in Van Wert county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood, and after finishing her education in the schools there, became a teacher in the schools of that county, and it was while on a visit to Van Wert county that Edwin Carlo met her. They were the parents of two children: Logan, the immediate subject of this review; and Nellie, the wife of Major B. H. Greiner, who is connected with the Culver Military Academy, of Culver, Indiana. Edwin Carlo was a Democrat in politics, and always took an active interest in local political matters. He served his township in various offices for over a period of forty years, acting as township treasurer and land appraiser for forty years and also as director on the school board for many years.

Logan Carlo was reared on his father's farm, and received his early education in the district schools. He graduated from the St. Paris high school and in 1895 from Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware, Ohio, after which he entered the Cincinnati Law School, graduating from that institution in 1898 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and received the degree of Master of Arts from the Ohio Wesleyan University immediately afterward. He was admitted to the bar in Ohio in 1898, and in 1899 was admitted to the practice at the bar of Illinois, taking up the active practice in Chicago, where he continued until 1905, when he returned to Champaign county to take charge of the old home farm for his parents, and has continued to live here ever since. After his graduation from the law school in Cincinnati in 1898, he returned to his home and enlisted in Company D, Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Spanish War until he was mustered out in the same year, being in camp at Tampa, Florida.

Logan Carlo is one of the young and progressive farmers of the county, and is actively interested in all that pertains to the betterment of his community, both in social and civic affairs. He is a Democrat in politics, and is serving at the present time as township treasurer. He was the choice of his party for the nomination for probate judge in 1916, carrying over half of the county vote. He also takes a very active interest in lodge matters, being a member of Pharos Lodge No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons; he is at present master of Pharos lodge and now is a thirty-second degree Mason. He also belongs to St. Paris Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and St. Paris Lodge No. 344, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Carlo is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking a warm interest in church affairs, and is serving at the present time as trustee of the church at St. Paris. On April 1, 1917, he took up his residence in St. Paris, Ohio. He is now candidate for mayor. He has a law office at St. Paris.

## CLINTON A. MAURICE.

Clinton A. Maurice, the janitor at the centralized schools at Rosewood, Champaign county, was born in Clark county, Ohio, August 10, 1876. He is a son of Joseph and Isabelle (Neese) Maurice. The father was also a native of Clark county, this state, the date of his birth being May 28, 1846. He is a son of Isaac W. and Caroline (Davis) Maurice. Isaac W. was a son of William Maurice, a native of Dudley, England, in which country he spent his life, never coming to America. Isaac W. Maurice grew to manhood in England and there married a Miss Weldon. They immigrated to the United States in 1832, locating at Springfield, Ohio. He was a printer by trade and he worked on a Springfield newspaper for some time, later moving to a farm near Dialton, not far from the Champaign county line, and there he spent the remainder of his life. His first wife died, leaving three children, all of whom grew to maturity, but all are now deceased. He later married Caroline Davis and to their union five children were born, one of whom is living at this writing, namely: Van Horn Maurice, who lives in Clark county, Ohio.

Joseph Maurice, father of the subject of this review, was reared on the home farm in Clark county. In 1881 he moved with his family to a farm in Adams township, Champaign county, where he continued to reside until his death in May, 1909. His widow has remained on the farm. To these parents twelve children were born, all but one survive at this writing, namely: Wesley A., the eldest; Della I., the wife of Stephen D. Bowers; George A., a farmer in Shelby county, Ohio; Clinton A., of this sketch; Vallie S., the wife of Dr. D. N. Conner, of Markleville, Indiana; Emma A., the widow of George B. Licklider; Ellen, the wife of A. C. Stephenson, of Adams township, Champaign county; Herman C., farming in Adams township; Samuel J., farming in Adams township; Elizabeth B., the wife of H. B. Geny, a farmer of Adams township, and Emerson E., farming in Adams township.

Clinton A. Maurice was reared on the home farm, and educated in the district schools. He assisted his father with the general farm work until he was twenty-six years old, when he started out in life for himself. On August 27, 1902, he married Melva L. Conner, and to their union one child has been born, Mary Keitha Maurice, whose birth occurred January 28, 1915.

Mr. Maurice followed school teaching for eleven years in his earlier career, in the district schools, and he was regarded as one of the successful educators of his locality. He was ever a close student and progressive in his methods and ideas. He was elected janitor of the consolidated schools



at Rosewood, Adams township, in 1911, which position he has continued to hold until the present time, discharging his duties very faithfully and acceptably to all concerned.

Politically, Mr. Maurice is a Democrat. He served as clerk of the local school board for a period of thirteen years, and for nine years of that period he also served as township clerk. Fraternally, he belongs to Rosewood Lodge, No. 253, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand. He also belongs to the Encampment, Lodge No. 292, and is treasurer of the same. He is a member of the United Brethren church in which he is trustee and treasurer and has long been active in church work. He is also a teacher in the Sunday school, having a class of fifty now.

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### JOHN C. RUSSELL.

John C. Russell, farmer of Harrison township, Champaign county, was born in Adams township, this county, on a farm two miles northwest of Rosewood, January 18, 1860. He is a son of William and Emily (Johnson) Russell. The father was reared and educated in his native community. His father, William Russell, Sr., came from Virginia to Champaign county, Ohio, making the long journey in wagons. He was one of the pioneer settlers in Adams township, where the Russell family has been well known for nearly a century. Here he built a log cabin in the wilderness and cleared a farm. Emily Johnson was born in Union county, Ohio where she grew to womanhood. She came alone to this county, her parents remaining the rest of their lives in Union county. After his marriage William Russell, Jr., settled on land of his own and devoted the rest of his life to farming in Adams township. His family consisted of six children, named as follow: William Clinton, living in Adams township; Mary, who married James Cole and they live in Bellefontaine, Ohio; J. C., of this sketch; Elizabeth, the wife of John Chambers, of Adams township, and Charles, Frank and Duncan all live in Adams township. The father of these children was a man of ability and industry and he ranked among the leading farmers and stockmen of the county for a number of years. He became owner of about six hundred acres of valuable land in Adams township. He was a Republican and a man of public spirit. He was widely and favorably known.

John C. Russell was reared on the home farm in Adams township. He attended the rural schools in his community, and continued on the home

farm with his parents until his marriage in July, 1880, to Alice Bodey, a daughter of Andrew Bodey and wife, of Johnson township. She grew up in his native locality and attended the common schools.

After his marriage Mr. Russell continued to engage in farming in Adams township until 1900, when he moved to Harrison township, and he has since resided on the same place, successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He owns one of the choice farms of the township, which consists of three hundred and fifty acres of well-improved and productive land. He has a good home and such outbuildings as his needs require.

To John C. Russell and wife two children have been born, namely: Charles, born in 1881, died on February 18, 1904; George William, August 18, 1883, was married in 1907 to Marie Wilson, a daughter of Walter Wilson, of Concord township. To George W. Russell and wife four children have been born, namely: Lloyd, attending school; Raymond, deceased; John R., in school, and Ruth, at home.

Mr. Russell is a Republican. He has been a member of the school board. He and his family belong to the United Brethren church at Salem.

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### THOMAS J. JENKINS.

Thomas J. Jenkins, a prosperous farmer living in Johnson township one-half mile northwest of Millerstown, was born in Concord township, this county, September 25, 1853. He is a son of Presley and Mary (Snider) Jenkins, both of whom were also natives of Champaign county.

Presley Jenkins was born in Mad River township in 1825, and was a son of Jessie and Annie (Pence) Jenkins. Jesse Jenkins was the son of Thomas and Nelly (Fisk) Jenkins, both of whom were natives of Virginia, who came to this county in 1806, locating in Mad River township in the wilderness, their log cabin being among the very first erected in the township along Owens creek. Here they spent the remainder of their lives. Jesse Jenkins and Annie Pence were married in 1815; and, after the death of his father, they moved to a farm in Jackson township, where his death occurred in 1869; his wife's death occurring a few years later. They were the parents of seven children, only two of whom are now living: Elijah, a farmer living in Concord township, and Thomas, of Quincy, Ohio. Presley Jenkins moved with his parents to a farm in Concord township, where he grew to manhood, and where he was married to Mary Snider. After his marriage, he and his wife

lived for a few years in Concord township, and then they moved to a farm in Johnson township, near where his son, T. J., now lives, and here they lived the remainder of their lives. Mary Snider was the daughter of Valentine and Catherine (Martz) Snider, who came to Ohio from Virginia in an early day, locating in Greene county, this state, about 1825. In 1835 they came to Champaign county, locating in section 3, Johnson township. They were the parents of eight children, and were descendants of German ancestry. He served in the War of 1812, enlisting from Rockingham county, Virginia. He lived to a ripe old age, passing away in 1885. Presley and Mary (Snider) Jenkins were the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living: Catherine, wife of John Birkholder, of Rosewood, Ohio; Elijah, deceased; Thomas J., the immediate subject of this review; Jane A., widow of David R. Jenkins, of Terre Haute, Ohio; W. P., of Millerstown; S. W., of Millerstown, and Mary Etta, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Ginn. The family were earnest members of the Old School Baptist church, taking an active interest in the affairs of that denomination.

Thomas J. Jenkins was reared on his father's farm in Johnson township, receiving his education in the district schools of his home county. After his marriage he began to farm for himself in this township, living on one place for nine years. In August, 1888, he moved to the farm where he is now living, consisting of one hundred and fifty-two and one-half acres of fine land, on which he has placed many modern improvements. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and has met with obvious success in his chosen work.

On February 23, 1879, T. J. Jenkins was married to Emma Alice Comer, who was born June 2, 1863, on a farm within a stone's throw of where she is now living. She is the daughter of Isaac and Amanda J. (Smith) Comer. Her father was born in Johnson township, the son of Reuben and Eletha Comer, both of whom were natives of Virginia, who came to Ohio at an early date. Isaac Comer grew up on his father's farm in Johnson township, and in 1858, married Amanda J. Smith, who was a native of Virginia. After his marriage he farmed for a time, and then he engaged in the general merchandise business at Millerstown under the firm name of Norman & Comer. He was very successfully engaged in business for some years, later retiring from active life to look after his numerous business interests. Isaac Comer and wife were the parents of three children, two of whom are now living: Benjamin A., who died in infancy; Mary, wife of Robert Barger, of Johnson township, and Emma A., wife of Mr. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are the parents of five children, two of whom are

now living: Estella, who died at the age of seven years; Ozella, who died at the age of three years; Walter J., who married Eva Weller, is a graduate of the high school at St. Paris, received the M. D. degree at Miami Medical College of Cincinnati in 1917, and is now located at Anna Station, Ohio, where he is practicing medicine; Retha Blanche, who died at the age of eight months, and Thirza, the wife of Edward Brown, a resident of Mad River township.

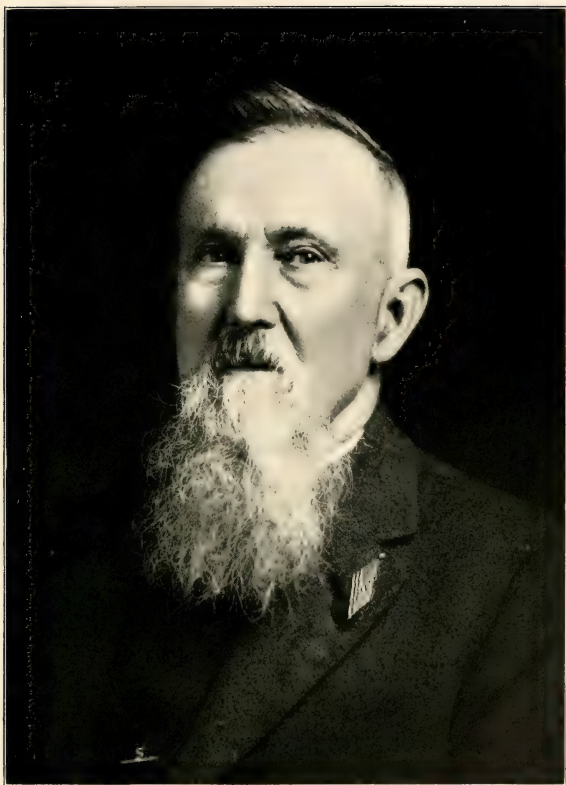
Mr. Jenkins is a Democrat in politics, the doctrines and creed of which party he strongly advocates.

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### DAVID McDANIEL BAKER.

David McDaniel Baker, an honored veteran of the Civil War and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty-one acres at the north edge of Spring Hill, in Harrison township, on rural mail route No. 4 out of Degraff, is a native of Virginia, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his boyhood, with the exception of a couple of years spent in his boyhood in Indiana. He was born on a farm in Rockingham county, Virginia, April 10, 1844, son of Isaac and Anna (Showalter) Baker, both of whom were born in that same county and whose last days were spent in Ohio, the former dying in this county and the latter in Allen county.

Isaac Baker was the son of Rudolph Baker, who left Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1817, when Isaac was a boy of nine years, and came to Ohio, settling in Clark county, where Rudolph Baker and his wife spent their last days and where Isaac Baker grew to manhood, remaining there until he was twenty-one years of age, when he returned to Virginia and presently there married Anna Showalter, who also was born in Rockingham county, a daughter of David and Agnes (Linville) Showalter, who had moved to that county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. After his marriage Isaac Baker continued to make his home in Rockingham county until in April, 1852, when he moved from Virginia to Indiana and settled on a farm in Elkhart county, in the latter state. Two years later, however, in 1854, he returned to Ohio and settled on a farm west of Lima, in Allen county, where he lived for twelve years and where his wife died. He later married again and in 1866 moved from Allen county to Champaign county and settled on a farm in Mad River township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there, he then being past ninety years of age. By



DAVID McD. BAKER





his marriage to Anna Showalter, Isaac Baker was the father of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being J. Q. Baker, of St. Paris, this county; Mrs. Rebecca Downey, deceased; Agnes, wife of J. I. McFarland, of Bucyrus, this state; Elizabeth, wife of Frederick Gronwalt, of Bowen, Illinois; Frank, deceased, and Sarah, wife of Edward Barnes, of Thackeray, this county. By his second marriage Isaac Baker was the father of two children, neither of whom is now living.

David McD. Baker was but a boy when his parents settled in Allen county and there he completed his schooling and grew to manhood. Though hardly more than a boy during the progress of the Civil War he enlisted for service in that struggle and went to the front as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Eightieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Holland, and with that command served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Baker returned to Allen county and when his father moved to Champaign county in 1866 he accompanied him here and began to help in the work of developing and improving the home place in Mad River township. In the meanwhile he had been teaching school during the winters and also working variously at carpentering and at shoemaking, in both of which trades he had become proficient. After his marriage in the spring of 1875 Mr. Baker established his home on a farm in Jackson township and there lived for nine years, at the end of which time he moved to a farm in Clark county and there made his home for nine years. He then returned to Champaign county and bought the farm of one hundred and twenty-one acres on which he is now living, in Harrison township, and there has ever since made his home, one of the best-established farmers in that section of the county.

On April 14, 1875, in Champaign county, David McD. Baker was united in marriage to Hester Thackeray, daughter of John and Rachel (Hammond) Thackeray, of this county, and to that union two children were born, daughters both, Mary Edith and Ethel R., who received their schooling in the schools of Clark county and of this county. Mary Edith Baker married J. Walter Phenegar and is now living at Springfield, this state. Ethel R. Baker married F. G. Piatt, who is now operating the Baker home place. Mr. Baker being practically retired from the active labors of the farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Piatt two children have been born, Martha Isabel, who died in infancy, and Dorothy Marie, born on October 21, 1914. Mrs. Hester Baker died at her home in Harrison township on October 7, 1915.

Mr. Baker is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Christiansburg, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Patriarchs Militant, affiliated with the Odd Fellow lodge and the encampment at St. Paris, and in the affairs of these several organizations takes a warm and active interest.

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### BENJAMIN F. PENCE.

Among the well-known and substantial farmers of Johnson township, who has lived in the county all his life, is Benjamin F. Pence, who was born on the farm where he now lives, December 21, 1851, the son of Isaac and Martha (Brown) Pence, the former of whom was born in Virginia, and the latter in Champaign county, Ohio.

Isaac Pence was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1797, and was reared to manhood in his native state. He served with a Virginia regiment during the War of 1812, and upon returning from that service, came as a young man to champaign county, Ohio, with his parents, who entered land from the government in the then almost trackless wilderness of this section. He also entered land on his own account and started to clear and cultivate the place, making a home for himself in the new country. Here he married Sarah Wiant, and to this union six children were born, none of whom are now living. The mother of these children died and afterwards Isaac Pence was married to Martha Brown, and to this second union were born seven children, six of whom are now living: Benjamin F., the subject of this review; James Ezra, living in Concord township; Joseph W., a farmer of Concord township; Isaac S., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Sarah J., the wife of John Bedell, Mercer county, Ohio; Charles M., living in the state of Washington, and William J., deceased.

Benjamin F. Pence was reared on the home farm, receiving his education in the district schools of the county, and lived with his parents until his marriage, when he started farming for himself. He has been successful in his chosen calling and is now the owner of one hundred and thirty acres of fine farming land, his farm being well equipped with good buildings and the best of modern farming machinery.

On October 14, 1876, Mr. Pence was married to Rosetta Ward, the daughter of Edmond and Christina (Smith) Ward. Mrs. Pence was born and reared in this county, as were her parents before her. Her grandparents

came from Virginia in an early day, and were among the early settlers of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Pence are the parents of two children: Edward, living on the home place, married Pearl Group, and Pearl married Wheelock Bingham, who is employed by the Van Camp Condensing Company, of Watertown, Wisconsin.

Mr. Pence is a Democrat in politics, and active in the councils of his party. He is one of the wide-awake, substantial farmers of this section, and lends his hearty support to any movement having for its object the betterment of his community.

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### SAMUEL P. HAMILTON.

Among the leading farmers of Johnson township, Champaign county, Ohio, is S. P. Hamilton, living on his farm four miles northwest of St. Paris, on rural route No. 1. He was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, on July 26, 1844, the son of John and Elizabeth (Carter) Hamilton, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Pennsylvania. He died on November 9, 1890; she died on April 16, 1900. Elizabeth Carter was born on July 28, 1823.

John Hamilton was born and reared at Trenton, New Jersey, coming as a young man to Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he met and married Elizabeth Carter. In the late forties they came west to Ohio, locating first in Warren county, where they rented land for some years. In 1858 they moved into Miami county close to the Champaign county line, where they lived the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of five children, only three of whom are now living: Samuel P., the immediate subject of this brief review; Mary, widow of Adam Medles, of Helena, Ohio; Rebecca, deceased; Lewis, who died in infancy, and Kate, the wife of Samuel Hughes, of Piqua, Ohio. John Hamilton and wife were faithful and earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a Republican in politics, and always took a warm interest in the civic affairs of his home community.

Samuel P. Hamilton was a lad of fourteen years when his parents moved to Miami county, and here he grew to manhood on the home farm. Answering the call of his country for service in the Civil War, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in September, 1862, and served until the close of the war, being discharged in 1865. His regiment was with the Army of the Potomac under Generals

Meade and Grant, and participated in many of the hard-fought battles of that great struggle. At the close of the war, he returned to his home in Miami county, remaining on the home farm until 1868, at which time he began operating saw-mills in different parts of Johnson township, in which business he was engaged until 1893, when he purchased his present farm, on which he has been living ever since.

On February 27, 1868, S. P. Hamilton was married to Hannah Bunker, the daughter of Henry and Jane (Chapman) Bunker, and to this union four children have been born: Elliott, living on the home place; Flora, the wife of William Pence, a farmer of Johnson township; Lewis, deceased, and Bessie J., the wife of Frank Ludrick, of Johnson township. Henry Bunker, Mrs. Hamilton's father, was of Scotch descent; his parents, who were natives of Scotland, came to the United States in an early day, locating at Piqua, Ohio, and here Mr. Bunker grew to maturity. Mrs. Bunker was born in Miami county, her parents being old settlers in that vicinity. They were the parents of one child, Mrs. S. P. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton and his family are earnest members of the United Brethren church at Rosewood, and take an active interest in the affairs of the local congregation, Mr. Hamilton having served as class leader at this place for several years. He is a Republican in politics, and is actively interested in all local political matters. He is also warmly interested in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, being a member of H. C. Scott Post, at St. Paris, Ohio.

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#### GEORGE W. RHYNARD.

One of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Johnson township, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of eighty acres two miles west of St. Paris, on the Piqua and Urbana pike, is George W. Rhynard, who was born on an adjoining farm March 11, 1860, the son of Samuel and Mary A. (McKinley) Rhynard, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

Samuel Rhynard was born in Darke county, Ohio, near Stelvideo, and was a son of Peter and Mary (Martindale) Rhynard, both of whom were natives of Maryland. Peter Rhynard was of German ancestry, and came as a young man to Miami county, Ohio, settling near Troy. There he met and married Mary Martindale, who was of Scotch descent, coming from Maryland with her parents in an early day to Miami county, Ohio. After

their marriage, Peter Rhynard and wife located in Darke county, Ohio, where they lived the remainder of their lives, and there their son, Samuel, was born, and reared to manhood. As a young man, Samuel Rhynard learned the saddler's trade at Dayton, Ohio, coming from there to St. Paris, where he engaged in the harness business for three or four years. At the end of that time he moved to Iowa and entered land from the government near Cedar Rapids of that state. Later the family returned to Ohio, and purchased the old McKinley farm in Johnson township, this county, where he and his wife lived until her death, when he moved to the farm where his son, George, now lives. Later he moved to St. Paris, where his death occurred. Mary A. McKinley was born on the McKinley farm just south of the one where George W. Rhynard now lives, the daughter of William and Mary McKinley. William McKinley was a native of Georgetown, Kentucky, coming from that state to Ohio in an early day, where he entered land from the government in Johnson township, this county. Here he married and lived the remainder of his life. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under Gen. Andrew Jackson. Samuel Rhynard and wife were the parents of six children: William A., deceased; Sarah E., the widow of William Mills, who was a resident of Pike county, Ohio; Peter, a farmer in the north part of Johnson township; George W., the immediate subject of this review; Albert, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Ira Elmer, living in east New York state. The family were earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church at St. Paris, and actively interested in church work. Samuel Rhynard was a Republican in politics, and was always much interested in the school work of his township, serving on the township school board for many years.

George W. Rhynard was reared on his father's farm. He received his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood, living at home until his marriage. Then he started farming on his own account, renting the farm where he now lives for six years, at the end of which time he purchased the farm, and has continued to live here ever since. He has been very successful in his farming operations, breeding and selling a great deal of live stock for the markets.

George W. Rhynard was united in marriage on October 8, 1884, to Hattie A. Apple, who was born in Johnson township, the daughter of Abraham and Phoebe Jane (Sise) Apple, and to this union three children were born, of whom are living: Nellie, born in 1885, married Edward Lemman, a farmer of Johnson township; one who died in infancy; and Adal Eva Lucile, born in 1903, now a student in school. The family, with the exception of

Mr. Rhynard, are members of the Lutheran church at St. Paris, Ohio, taking an active part in church affairs. He is a member of the Republican party, and takes a proper interest in all public affairs, always supporting all measures which have for their object the betterment of his community.

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### JONATHAN SCHUMM.

One of the substantial citizens and enterprising farmers of the county is Jonathan Schumm, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred and fifteen acres located one and one-half miles east of St. Paris in Johnson township. Mr. Schumm was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1836, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Walburn) Schumm, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania.

Jacob Schumm and his wife grew up and were married in Pennsylvania, and lived in that state all their lives, his death occurring in 1842, his widow surviving him many years. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are living: Mary, the wife of Samuel Seibert, residents of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania; Priscilla, wife of John Parsons, also living in Pennsylvania, and Jonathan.

Jonathan Schumm was left an orphan by the death of his father when he was but a lad of six years, and lived in the home of his maternal grandparents until he reached the age of sixteen years, at which time he came to St. Paris, Ohio, with fifty cents in his pocket. He went to work with a will doing anything he could find to do to make an honest living. He hired out to cut cord wood at thirty-five cents a cord, and part of the money which he earned at this job is still owing to him. However, he was not discouraged, having youth and health on his side, but continued to work with vigor at different vocations, being employed for two years on a farm at one hundred and ten dollars a year, receiving for his third year's labor the sum of one hundred and forty-four dollars. He also worked in the saw-mills in the early days, and learned the plasterer's trade, at which he worked four years. In 1860 he began farming on the place where he now lives, and that he has been successful in his calling is evidenced by the fact that he owns two hundred and fifteen acres of fine land, well improved and cultivated. He is also a stockholder in the Central National Bank of St. Paris, and has long been ranked among the influential and substantial citizens of his community.

On August 25, 1859, Jonathan Schumm was married to Catherine Snapp,



a daughter of Daniel and Margaret Snapp. Mrs. Schumm was born April 3, 1840, and was reared on the farm where she is now living, and has always been a resident of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Schumm are the parents of one child, Maude E., born on March 26, 1867. She is the wife of C. S. Bolinger, of St. Paris, Ohio, and to this union have been born four children: Walter, a graduate of the high school at St. Paris; C. S. Bolinger, Jr.; Mamie, a graduate of the high school at St. Paris, and Fannie, also a graduate of the St. Paris high school, is now a student in the State University at Columbus, Ohio, graduating with the class of 1917.

Mr. Schumm is a Democrat in politics, and takes an active part in the councils of his party in local public affairs, having served as township trustee and assessor. He is treasurer of what is known as the Spring Grove Cemetery Association, which is incorporated with the following officers: H. D. Pyle, president; Frank Snapp, vice-president; H. E. Harmon, secretary, and Jonathan Schumm, treasurer. Two citizens of the township, Daniel Snapp, the father of Mrs. Schumm, and Allen Pence, bought the land, which is used as a cemetery, and donated it to the people of this community, the association taking hold of the project in a business-like way, laying the land out in lots for sale, and thus they have succeeded in making a beautiful place of this "city of the dead."

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### JAMES W. MAGGERT.

James W. Maggert, a well-known farmer and enterprising citizen of Johnson township, and a life-long resident of this county, the owner and proprietor of "Cabauba Farm," located about three and one-half miles northwest of St. Paris, on rural route No. 1 out of St. Paris, was born on this farm April 11, 1858, the son of Henry and Emmeline (Baker) Maggert, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

Henry Maggert was the son of Abraham Maggert, who was a native of Virginia, coming from that state to Ohio in an early day, and locating on a farm about two miles east of St. Paris, where he lived the remainder of his life. Henry Maggert grew up and was married in this county, coming to the farm where James W. Maggert now lives in 1842. This land at that time was in timber and largely swamp, but with indomitable energy the elder Maggert set to work and ditched, drained and cleared eighty acres, which has been cultivated and improved until it is one of the best-producing farms in the township. Henry Maggert and wife were the parents of

eight children, six of whom are living: Mary, wife of Alexander Snyder; Nancy, the wife of James Campbell; Rosa, wife of Jesse Jenkins; Alice, wife of Harvey Harding; Jane, wife of William Genett, and James W.

James W. Maggert was reared on the farm where he now lives, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood. He remained at home assisting his father with the work on the farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he married and started farming for himself. For the first four years he rented land in the neighborhood, after which, for two years, he rented the home farm. In the meantime, his father having died, he bought the interests of the other heirs in the home place, where he has since continued to live. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and is very successful in his chosen calling.

On January 22, 1880, James W. Maggert was married to Mary E. Prince, who was born on a farm in Johnson township, on May 18, 1857. To this union was born one child, Nellie B., who died at the age of eleven years.

Mr. Maggert is a Democrat in politics, and while taking a good citizen's interest in civic affairs, yet is not a partisan or seeker after public office.

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### JOHN R. ROSS.

The late John R. Ross, formerly assistant cashier of the Champaign National Bank of Urbana and later and for years secretary of the Urbana Egg Case Company and one of the best-known and most progressive business men in Urbana, who died at Phoenix, Arizona, in the fall of 1908, and whose widow is still living in Urbana, was born in Urbana and there spent all his active life, remaining there until ill health prompted him to move to Arizona, where it was hoped the more equable climate of that region would have a beneficial effect upon his condition. He was born on April 22, 1868, son and only child of William R. and Belle (Brand) Ross, both members of old families in Champaign county.

William Reynolds Ross, who was an honored veteran of the Civil War and who for years served as vice-president and also cashier of the Champaign National Bank, a position he was holding at the time of his death on December 23, 1915, also was born in Urbana and lived there all his life, for many years one of the most active and influential business men in that



JOHN R. ROSS.



city. In a memorial sketch presented elsewhere in this volume there is set out at some length the history of William Reynolds Ross and of the Ross family in this county, and the reader is respectfully referred to the same in this connection, it being sufficient to set out here that William R. Ross was a son of Philander Ross, one of the early merchants of Urbana and for years president of the Champaign National Bank of that city. William R. Ross was clerking in his father's store at Urbana at the time of the breaking out of the Civil War and he enlisted for service as a member of Company K, Sixty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for two years, or until his discharge on a physician's certificate of disability. Not long afterward he became connected with his father's bank at Urbana, the Champaign National, and with that institution remained connected the rest of his life, rising from a clerkship to the position of vice-president, and this latter position he was occupying at the time of his death.

John R. Ross grew to manhood in Urbana, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city, and early became connected with the Champaign National Bank, of which his grandfather had been president and of which his father was vice-president for many years, and after a while was made assistant cashier of that institution, a position he resigned to become secretary of the Urbana Egg Case Company, with which company he remained connected in an executive capacity until failing health compelled his retirement from business. Entertaining the hope that a change of climate might prove beneficial Mr. Ross moved to Phoenix, Arizona, but the hope was vain and he died there on October 5, 1908, he then being in the forty-first year of his age.

In 1893 John R. Ross was united in marriage to Lydia Spain, daughter of J. Fletcher and Ella R. Spain and a member of one of the oldest families in Champaign county, the Spains having come over here from Virginia in 1805, establishing their home here, as set out elsewhere in this volume, where further and fitting mention is made of the Spain family and their connection with the pioneer history of this county. To this union one child was born, a son, Reynolds Spain Ross, who is now (1917) a student at Urbana University. John R. Ross was an active member of the Episcopal church, as is his widow, and was serving as a member of the vestry at the time of his death. He was a Scottish Rite Mason (thirty-second degree) and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Antioch Temple at Dayton, and took a warm interest in

Masonic affairs. In his political allegiance he was a Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, helpful in many ways in promoting movements having to do with the cause of good government and the general advancement of the common welfare.

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### SOLOMON WALBORN.

Solomon Walborn, a well-known and progressive farmer of Johnson township, this county, living two miles northwest of St. Paris, where he is very successfully operating one hundred and eighty-two acres of land, was born in Van Wert county, Ohio, on March 9, 1875. He is a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Parker) Walborn, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

John H. Walborn was a native of Champaign county, having been born on a farm in Jackson township, the son of Abraham Walborn, the latter of whom came at an early date to this county from Pennsylvania, and here lived the remainder of his life. John H. Walborn and Elizabeth Parker were married in this county near Terre Haute, and after their marriage, lived for some time in Jackson township on the home place of his father. Later, they moved to Van Wert county, Ohio, where they located on land of their own, and it was in that county that Mrs. Walborn died. To them were born seven children, five of whom are now living: George W., a farmer of Johnson township, represented elsewhere in this work; T. E., also farming in Johnson township; Minnie, the wife of William Betz, of Bluffton, Indiana; Anna Jane, deceased; one child, who died in infancy unnamed; Solomon, the immediate subject of this review, and Emma, the wife of Charles Stapleton, of St. Paris, Ohio.

Solomon Walborn was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving his education in the district schools. When but six years of age, he moved with his father's family to Jay county, Indiana, where they lived eleven years after leaving their home in Van Wert county, Ohio. At the end of this time the family returned to Champaign county, Ohio, where the father spent the remaining years of his life. It was in 1892 that Solomon Walborn returned to Champaign county, and for three years after coming here, he worked as a farm hand in Jackson township, after which he was employed by W. I. Kite, of Jackson township, where he remained for four years. At the end of that time he came into the neighborhood where he is now living, where he farmed nine years for himself, and on September 11,



1901, he, with his family moved to the farm where he is now living in Jackson township. Here he is very successfully engaged in farming and stock raising, in which line of endeavor he has met with a very commendable success.

On December 23, 1894, Solomon Walborn was united in marriage to Minnie Tullis, who was born in Jackson township, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Tullis. To this union have been born six children: Harry, a farmer of Johnson township, married Leota Slusser; Grace, a graduate of the St. Paris high school, now a student in her first year at the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio; Earl, a student in the high school at St. Paris; Herman, attending the neighborhood district school, an infant, deceased, and Edith, living at home with her parents. Mr. Walborn is a member of the Baptist church, while the family is affiliated with the Reformed church, both of St. Paris, Ohio.

Mr. Walborn is a Democrat in politics, and is now serving his fourth year as trustee of Johnson township, and is senior member and president of the township board.

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### S. H. DEATON.

One of the substantial citizens and leading farmers of this county is S. H. Deaton, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township, located on what is locally known as the cowpath pike, one-half mile south and one mile east of Addison. Mr. Deaton was born on a farm south of his present home in the edge of Clark county, Ohio, on April 5, 1846, the son of Samuel and Nancy (Carmin) Deaton, the former being a native of old Virginia, and the latter of Ohio.

Samuel Deaton came to Ohio with his parents when a lad of twelve years of age, the family locating on a farm in Clark county, near Northampton, just south of the Champaign county line. There he grew to manhood and married Nancy Carmin, who was born and reared in Clark county. After his marriage he engaged in farming for himself on rented land for a time, after which he purchased a small tract of land in Clark county, where he lived for a short time. He then came with his family to Champaign county, where he purchased eighty acres of land in Jackson township, which at that time was new land, all in timber; and here the family lived for several years in the rude log cabin of the pioneers. Later a new house was erected,

where S. H. Deaton now lives. Samuel Deaton was a hardworking and industrious farmer, and successful in his chosen work, gradually adding to his land holdings until he was the owner of one hundred and thirty acres of good farming land in this county. He and his wife were earnest and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and always took an active interest in church affairs. He was a well educated man for the period, and had been a school teacher before coming to this county. He and his wife were the parents of five children: William, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; S. H., the immediate subject of this review; Charlotte, widow of George Helvie, of Addison, Ohio; Martha, widow of Charles Howell, of Addison; and A. B. C. D., of Jackson township. Samuel Deaton was a Republican in politics, and firm in his belief in the principles of that party. He served his township as trustee for a number of years, and was a prominent and influential man in the community.

S. H. Deaton was reared to manhood on the farm where he is now living, coming with his parents when but a small boy from Clark county, Ohio; and received his education in the district schools of Jackson township. After reaching manhood, he started life for himself by engaging in farming on land lying close to the home farm, which he rented and here he lived for one year. He then moved to a farm in Miami county, about three miles west of his present farm, and he remained three years. At the end of that time he returned to Champaign county and purchased eighty acres of land in Jackson township adjoining his present home, and here he remained for a period of ten years. He then moved to Clark county, Ohio, where he lived on a farm belonging to his wife's father for fourteen years, after which he returned to Champaign county and purchased the old home farm, where he has since lived.

In 1869 S. H. Deaton was married to Elizabeth Jenkins, the daughter of Wiley Jenkins, a resident of Clark county, Ohio; and to this union were born six children, five of whom grew to maturity: Samuel, deceased; Wiley J., a farmer of Jackson township; Ola, the wife of Walter Leonard, of this county; Ellen, the wife of Charles Warner, of Addison, Ohio; William, a resident of Jackson township, and C. O., a farmer, also of Jackson township. The mother of these children died on September 20, 1913, loved and mourned by all who knew her.

Mr. Deaton is a Republican in politics, and an ardent supporter of the doctrines and principles of this party. He has always been actively interested in the civic welfare of his community, and served his township as supervisor for some years.

## ARTHUR G. HANGER.

Arthur G. Hanger, farmer of Harrison township, Champaign county, was born on the Spring Hill and West Liberty pike, in Harrison township, August 27, 1881, a son of Henry H. and Sarah Hanger. The father was born on a farm northwest of West Liberty, Logan county, Ohio, in 1841. He is a son of Adam Hanger, who was a son of Peter Hanger. The last named and two brothers, immigrated from England to America in Colonial days. Peter Hanger settled in Virginia, where he married, and in later life he moved to Champaign county, locating among the pioneer settlers in Salem township, but he spent the last of his life in Harrison township, dying there.

After his marriage Adam Hanger settled in Logan county, but, when his son Henry H. was a small boy, he moved with his family to Harrison township and here Adam Hanger spent the rest of his life on a farm. Sarah Gerard, was a native of New Jersey, from which state she came to Champaign county, when young, with her parents, Jonas and Armina (Flemming) Gerard, who were of Scotch-Irish descent. After his marriage Henry H. Hanger lived many years on a farm in Harrison township, locating on his father's old farm and there he spent the rest of his life. Five children were born to Henry H. Hanger and wife, namely: Carrie, the wife of William Scarborough, of West Liberty, Ohio; Loretta, who died at the age of four years; Edna, the wife of Charles Circle, and they live on the old home place in Harrison township; Arthur G., of this sketch, and Millie, living in West Liberty, Ohio.

Henry H. Hanger was a soldier in the Civil War, first a private, later a corporal, and finally was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He served three years and two months in Company G, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, taking part in seven important battles and was wounded five times. According to his superior officers and the men under him he was a brave and efficient officer. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war and became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a Republican and always took an active interest in the affairs of his party. He was a member of the Gladly Crook Christian church, in which he was a pillar and active worker for many years. His wife also belonged to that church. His death occurred on December 15, 1911.

Arthur G. Hanger was reared on the home farm in Harrison township, and he received his education in the district schools. On October 9, 1902,

he was married to Grace Emery, a daughter of John and Melissa (Stemle) Emery, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Henry Russell, born on December 24, 1903, is attending school; Bernice Helen, December 18, 1905, is also in school, and William Dwight, May 11, 1915.

John Emery, father of Mrs. Hanger, was born in Harrison township, Champaign county, June 8, 1850. He grew to manhood in his native community and attended the common schools. He has devoted his life to general farming in this locality. He died on March 17, 1901, and his wife died on April 14, 1902.

After his marriage Arthur G. Hanger began farming for himself. He is owner of a good farm of sixty acres in Harrison township, on which he is making a very comfortable living. Politically, he is a Republican. He belongs to the Christian church at West Liberty, Ohio.

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#### WILLARD B. HYDE, M. D.

One of the younger citizens of Christiansburg, this county, who is successfully winning a place in the front ranks as a physician and surgeon is Dr. W. B. Hyde, who was born at Summerville, on Boke's Creek, Ohio, February 14, 1881, the son of Dr. William F. and Sarah A. (Monroe) Hyde, both of whom were natives of Union county, Ohio.

Dr. William F. Hyde was born on a farm in Union county, Ohio, near Boke's Creek, December 23, 1856, and was reared to manhood on the farm, receiving his early education in the public schools. As a young man, he decided to make the practice of medicine his profession, and studied under Dr. S. B. Drake, of Broadway, Ohio. Later he entered the Columbus Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1889. He located the same year at Boke's Creek, Ohio, where he actively practiced his profession until 1893, when he came to Christiansburg, and has been in the active practice here ever since. Sarah A. Monroe, the mother of Doctor Willard B. Hyde, was also born in Union county, Ohio, and grew up on a farm adjoining that on which her husband, Dr. W. F. Hyde, was reared. They are the parents of four children, three of whom are now living: Lacy Marie, who died at the age of seventeen months; Willard B., of this sketch; Stella Atlanta, wife of A. H. Chronaberry, of Conover, Ohio, and Maud, the wife of A. L. Dobbins, of Christiansburg.

Dr. W. B. Hyde received his early education in the public schools of

his home township, and came as a lad of twelve with his parents to Christiansburg. Here he graduated from the high school, studied medicine with his father until 1899, when he entered the Ohio Medical University at Columbus, Ohio, from which institution he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1904. At once he returned to Christiansburg, where he took up the active practice of his profession, and has since remained at this place. He has a large and constantly increasing patronage in the village and surrounding country.

On November 30, 1905, Dr. W. B. Hyde was married to Leo A. Robinson, the daughter of C. A. Robinson, of Miami county, and to this union two children have been born: Virginia, a student in the public schools, and Charles, at home. The doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Christiansburg, and take an active interest in all church and social affairs of the village. Doctor Hyde is a member of Social Lodge No. 139. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the Encampment, No. 75. He is a Republican in politics; is warmly interested in all public matters pertaining to his home town, and is now serving as councilman on the town board.

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### JACOB N. PENCE.

Among the substantial citizens and progressive farmers of Johnson township, this county, is Jacob N. Pence, living on his well-improved and highly cultivated farm of forty acres four miles northwest of St. Paris, on rural route No. 1. He was born in this township, on September 22, 1865, the son of Wesley and Lydia (Ammon) Pence, and was one of nine children born to his parents, only six of whom are now living: Delelia A., the wife of Rastus Mercia, of St. Paris, Ohio; Russell, of Johnson township; Jane, the wife of Orin Decker, of St. Paris; John W., of St. Paris; Millie, the wife of Jacob Robbins, a farmer of Johnson township, and Jacob N., of this sketch.

After his marriage Wesley Pence and wife located on the farm now owned by Jacob Robbins and Russell Pence, where he lived the remainder of his life, after which his widow moved to St. Paris, where her death occurred some years later. They were members of the Baptist church, and actively interested in the affairs of the local church of that denomination. In politics he was a Democrat, but never took an active part in political affairs.

Jacob N. Pence was but a boy when his father died, and early in life learned the habits of industry and frugality. He was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving his education in the township schools of his home neighborhood. After his marriage he and his wife lived in the old homestead for two years, when they moved to a farm of their own, which they had purchased. On February 27, 1907, they moved to their present farm of forty acres, which they had purchased the year previously, and here they have since made their home. His farm is well equipped for modern farming, having good buildings and machinery.

On November 28, 1886, Jacob N. Pence was united in marriage to Cora Ellen Poorman, a native of Johnson township, the daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Pence) Poorman. To this union have been born five children, only one of whom grew to maturity, Zetta Ellen, who was born on August 13, 1888. She received her education in the township schools, and after leaving school, became the wife of Jasper Leon Scott, a farmer of Johnson township. Mrs. Scott died June 5, 1915, leaving one son, Stanage Asa.

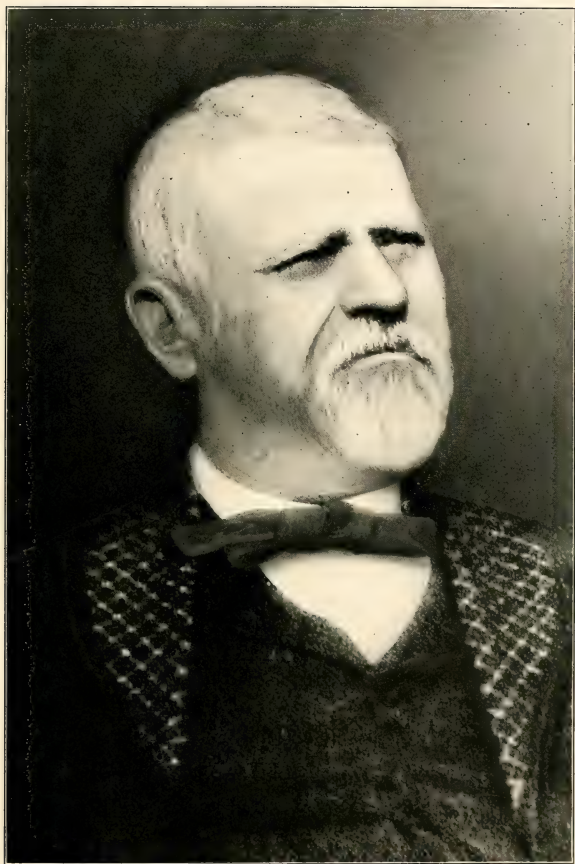
Mr. Pence and his wife are earnest and devoted members of the Zion Lutheran church, at St. Paris, Ohio, in which Mr. Pence is serving as deacon. He is a member of St. Paris Lodge No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife are members of Lodge No. 469, Daughters of Rebekah.

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#### WILFORD OWEN KNIGHT.

The late Wilford Owen Knight, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a substantial farmer of Champaign county, who for some years before his death in 1909 had been living retired at his pleasant home in Urbana, where his widow still resides, was born in the neighboring county of Miami, but had spent the greater part of his life in this county, his parents having moved over here from the former county many years ago. He was a son of William and Elizabeth (Palmer) Knight, of English stock, who had settled in the vicinity of Troy, in Miami county, upon coming to Ohio and later had come to Champaign county and had established their home on a farm opposite the county infirmary. There William Knight had engaged in farming until his retirement from the farm and removal to Urbana, where he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of six children, of whom but two are now living, Stephen Knight, an attorney-at-law, living in Chicago, and Sidney, unmarried, a resident of Urbana; the





WILFORD O. KNIGHT.



others, besides the subject of this memorial sketch, having been John, who lived in this county; Catherine S., who lived at Troy, and Margaret.

Reared on the paternal farm, Wilford O. Knight grew to manhood in this county, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and from boyhood was a valued aid to his father in the labors of the home farm. For some time after reaching manhood's estate he was engaged in the insurance business. During the Civil War he was a member of the famous "Squirrel Hunters" organization and also served for a year or more as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After his marriage in 1870 he established his home on a farm and was actively and successfully engaged in farming until his retirement and removal to Urbana, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there on May 6, 1909. Mr. Knight was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the affairs of which patriotic organization he ever took an earnest interest. By religious persuasion he was a Presbyterian and took a warm interest in church affairs and was otherwise helpful in local good works. For years a member of the Masonic fraternity, he took an active interest in the affairs of that ancient order, and in other ways did well his part as a neighbor and as a citizen.

As noted above, it was in 1870 that Wilford O. Knight was united in marriage to Sarah J. McDonald, who was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Urbana, a daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Smith) McDonald, the former of whom was born at Chillicothe, this state, and the latter in the state of Pennsylvania. Hugh McDonald was a substantial farmer and stockman and had an excellent farm on the Springfield road five miles south of Urbana, where he made his home until his retirement from the farm and removal to Urbana, where his last days were spent. He was a staunch Republican and ever took an active part in local political affairs, though not a seeker after public office. He and his wife were earnest members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, of whom Mrs. Knight was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Jane, deceased; Margaret, who died unmarried in 1910; the Rev. James McDonald, a minister of the Presbyterian church, who died in California; Duncan, who was killed in battle while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War; Blair, now deceased, who was a farmer; Mary, who died unmarried, and Effie, who is making her home with her sister, Mrs. Knight, at Urbana. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Knight has continued to make her home at Ur-

bana, where she is very pleasantly situated. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and has for years taken an active interest in local good works, helpful in promoting all worthy causes designed to advance the common welfare of the community in which she has spent all her life.

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### E. WALTER MANNING.

One of the substantial citizens and leading farmers of Johnson township is E. Walter Manning, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm three miles west of St. Paris, on the Piqua and Urbana pike, who was born in the house where he is now living on February 8, 1860. He is a son of Isaac and Hannah (Graham) Manning, the former of whom was a native of Ohio, and the latter of Pennsylvania.

Isaac Manning was born in Miami county, Ohio, about three miles north of Lena, on December 21, 1823, and died February 5, 1862. He was a son of Clarkson and Phoebe Manning, both of whom were natives of New Jersey, coming to Miami county, Ohio, in an early day, being among the earliest pioneers of that county. Hannah Graham was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1831, and died July 14, 1905. She came to Miami county with her parents in an early day, who located on a farm just north of Lena, Ohio, in the same neighborhood where Isaac Manning was reared. After her marriage to Mr. Manning the young couple purchased the farm of eighty-seven acres in Johnson township, this county, on which their son, Walter, now lives, where they lived until his death, which occurred when he was still a young man. Isaac Manning and wife were the parents of four children: Rose Ellen, born on April 26, 1850, died on January 26, 1892; Charles W., September 23, 1854, died on August 30, 1859; John C., March 14, 1859, and Walter E., the subject of this review. After the death of Isaac Manning, his widow and family continued to live on the home farm until Mrs. Manning's marriage to John Sergeant, when they moved to Shelby county, Ohio, near Palestine. To this second union there were born three children, two of whom are now living: Cory Elwood, who died while young; Dora May, the wife of William Princehouse, of Sidney, Ohio, and Thomas Lee, a resident of Shelby county, Ohio.

E. Walter Manning was reared to the life of a farmer, making his home with his mother and stepfather after his father's death, and receiving his education in the district schools of Shelby county, Ohio. Upon reaching

the age of twenty-one, he started out in life for himself by working by the month on neighboring farms, which he continued for three or four years. After his marriage he settled on the home place for a short time, but later removed to Miami county, where he lived for some time, but eventually returned to his father's old home farm, where he has since lived. He is a progressive farmer and good citizen of his home community, where he ranks high in the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and friends.

On October 11, 1884, E. Walter Manning was married to Mary Rowena Wheaton, the daughter of William and Jane (Williams) Wheaton. She is a native of Champaign county, having been born on a farm just south of her present home on August 7, 1860. To this union two children have been born: Otto Isaac, born on October 1, 1886, died on May 22, 1893, and Harry, born March 2, 1890. The latter is a graduate of the St. Paris high school, and was a student for several summer terms at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. He married Ola May Merritt, and is now living at Arlington, Ohio, where he is a teacher in the public schools.

Mr. Manning is a Democrat in politics, and takes a proper interest in all public and political matters. Fraternally, he is a member of Industry Lodge No. 256, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Lean, Ohio, while his wife holds membership in Mt. Olive Lodge No. 469, Daughters of Rebekah, at St. Paris, Ohio. They are earnest and faithful members of the Baptist church at Lena, Ohio.

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#### MRS. EMMA A. LICKLIDER.

Mrs. Emma A. Licklider, a well-known and esteemed woman of Carysville, Champaign county, was born in Adams township, this county, March 9, 1883, and here she has spent her life. She is a daughter of Joseph and Isabelle M. (Neese) Maurice. Her father was born in German township, Clark county, Ohio, May 27, 1846. He is a son of Isaac and Caroline (Davis) Maurice. Isaac Maurice was a native of England and there he grew up and married Eliza Weldon. They immigrated to America and located in Clark county, Ohio, in 1844 and established their future home on a farm. They were parents of five children, three of whom were born before they left England, namely: John, who is deceased; William, who died while crossing the ocean on the voyage of the family to the United States; Jeremiah, who died in Clark county, Ohio; Isaac W., deceased; David, deceased.

After the death of the mother of the above named children, Isaac Maurice married Caroline Davis, who was born in Virginia, from which state she came to Clark county, Ohio, with her parents, when seven years old. Mr. and Mrs. Davis spent the rest of their lives on a farm in Clark county. Six children were born to Isaac and Caroline (Davis) Maurice, three of whom grew to maturity, and only one, Van Horn, who lives on the old home place in Clark county, is living, in 1917.

Joseph Maurice, a child by his father's second marriage, grew to manhood on the home farm in Clark county, and he attended the district schools there. Upon reaching manhood, he married Isabelle Neese, who was born in Mad River township, southeast of Thackery, in Champaign county, January 14, 1849. She was a daughter of Elias and Sarah (Foltz) Neese, both natives of Virginia, from which state they came with their parents to Clark county, Ohio, when they were young. There they were subsequently married and spent the rest of their active lives on the farm where Homer Jenkins now lives. There Mr. Neese died, his widow later dying in Mad River township, Champaign county.

Joseph and Isabelle Maurice lived on a farm in Clark county for ten years after their marriage, then moved to Adams township, this county, and bought a farm on which they spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring there on May 28, 1908, after a very successful and useful life. His family consisted of twelve children, namely: W. A., who lives in Rosewood, Ohio; Della, who is the wife of Stephen Bowers, of Adams township, this county; George A., who lives in Shelby county, Ohio; C. A., who resides at Rosewood; Sarah V., who is the wife of Dr. Connor of Markleville, Indiana; Marion, who died when eighteen months old; Emma A., of this sketch; Ellen, who is the wife of A. C. Stephenson, of Adams township; H. C., who lives in Adams township; Samuel J., who resides on the home farm; Lizzie B., who is the wife of Homer B. Geny, of Adams township, and Emerson, who lives on the home place.

Emma A. Maurice grew to womanhood on the home farm in Adams township, where she received her early education in the district schools. She was graduated from the local high school in 1901. On April 11, 1906, she married George B. Licklider, who was born in Johnson township, this county, July 23, 1867. He grew to manhood on the home farm here and attended the common schools. On May 1, 1896, he was married to Blanche Neal of Adams township, who died October 26, 1903; but to this union no children were born. He was a son of William and Margaret J. (Struble) Licklider. The father was born in Virginia, from which state he came to



Champaign county, Ohio, when a boy, with his parents, the family locating in Johnson township on a farm. The death of William Licklider occurred November 7, 1905, his widow dying January 15, 1911.

The union of George B. and Emma (Maurice) Licklider resulted in the birth of four children, two of whom died in infancy; those surviving are, Nelson M. and Virgil F., both attending school.

George B. Licklider continued farming on the home place after his marriage and was making a pronounced success as a general agriculturist, being a good manager and a hard worker. There his death occurred on February 23, 1914, and was buried in Rosedale cemetery. Since his death Mrs. Licklider has made her home in Carysville. She is a member of the Christian church there, as was her husband, both having been reared in this faith.

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#### MAXWELL G. STEVENS.

One of the substantial farmers who has lived almost his entire life in the county is Maxwell G. Stevens, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and forty-six acres in Jackson township, located five and one-half miles south of St. Paris and two and one-half miles east of Addison on the cow path pike. Mr. Stevens was born in Jackson township, on a farm two and one-half miles west of where he is now living on March 20, 1860, the son of Riley and Susan (Deaton) Stevens, the former a native of Missouri and the latter of Virginia.

Riley Stevens was born in Missouri, where he grew to manhood and married Susan Deaton, a Virginian by birth, but who had come as a small child with her parents to Springfield, Ohio, and thence on West to Missouri. Her father died in Missouri, and her mother returned to Champaign county, Ohio, where she spent her remaining days. Her death occurred in 1916, after she had reached the advanced age of ninety-three years. After his marriage, Riley Stevens lived for a short time in Missouri, and then, with his family, came to Champaign county, Ohio, locating on a farm one mile south of Christiansburg. A little later he purchased forty acres of land near where Maxwell G. Stevens now lives. After living on this farm a few years, Riley Stevens sold the forty acres and bought a farm in Mad River township, two miles north of Thackery, where his death occurred in 1873. His widow remained on this farm where she reared her family. After leaving the farm in later years, she lived for a short time in Thackery, and then she went to live with a daughter in Springfield, Ohio. Riley Stevens

and wife were the parents of seven children, four of whom are now living: J. H., deceased, a former resident of Mad River township; Frank, deceased, who formerly lived in Kansas; S. D., deceased, who lived in Jackson township, this county; Maxwell, the immediate subject of this review; Laura, the wife of Dr. Charles Gaines, of Covington, Ohio; L. W., of Springfield, Ohio; and Ida, widow of James Hartman, of Springfield, Ohio. The family were all earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they took an active interest.

Maxwell Stevens was five years of age when his parents moved to the farm in Mad River township, this county, where he was reared to manhood, receiving his education in the district schools of that neighborhood. Since his father's death occurred when he was but a lad of fifteen, very early in life he assumed the duties and responsibilities of the farm. When he reached the age of twenty-one years, he started to learn the carpenter trade. He followed this occupation until 1884, when he engaged in farming by renting land one mile north of Thackery, where he remained one year. He then moved to a farm in Jackson township, south of St. Paris, where he lived four years, and then moved to Johnson township, where he lived three years. In 1899 he purchased his present farm, and has since made this his home. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle and thoroughbred Poland China hogs, and has been very successful in this branch of farming.

On October 23, 1884, Maxwell G. Stevens was married to Prudence Beck, the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Smith) Beck, both of whom were natives of England. To this union one son has been born, Marley F., born October, 1885, who is living at home with his parents. He is a graduate of the district schools of his township, and has also passed the Boxwell examination. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have also reared three other children: Elisha McCoy, whom they took into their home at the age of nine years, and who remained until he was eighteen years old; Charles Pine, who came into their home when he was eleven years of age, and died at the age of fifteen; and William Bippincott, who has been with them four years, and is now fourteen years of age. Mr. Stevens and wife are earnest and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Newson Chapel, and the former is now serving on the board of trustees of that congregation. He is a Republican in politics, and always takes a warm interest in all local public matters. He served two successive terms as trustee of his township, and in 1895 was superintendent of the gravel roads of Jackson township.

## J. M. BIRKHOLD.

J. M. Birkhold, retired merchant and farmer living in Rosewood, Champaign county, was born May 5, 1852 in Wurtemberg, Germany. He is a son of John M. and Barbara (Schoen) Birkhold, both born in Wurtemberg, where they were reared and married. There the father followed the weaver's trade, becoming an expert cloth maker. In 1853, he brought his family to America. After spending a short time in New York City, they started to Cincinnati, Ohio, but their money gave out, and they were put off the train at Monroeville, Huron county, Ohio. They remained in that county from 1853 until 1861, and then moved to Paulding county, this state, where they bought forty acres on which they spent the rest of their lives. The father was a man of grit and courage, and, by hard work and perseverance, he forged to the front, although starting out with nothing. He became owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres and was one of the well-to-do men of his township when he died. He was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church. Eleven children were born to John M. Birkhold, Sr., and wife, all still living but one, namely: Christian, living in New Haven, Ohio; J. M., of this sketch; D. C., who lives in Paine, Ohio; J. E., deceased; Tina, the widow of Marion Stephenson, living in Shelby county, Ohio; George, who lives in Paulding county, Ohio; Mrs. Lena Cress, living in Van Wert, Ohio; Henry, who lives in Paine, Ohio; William, living in Edgerton, Indiana; Lucinda, the wife of Dr. John Herrod, deceased, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Mary Ann, wife of Samuel Stabler, living in Paulding county, Ohio.

J. M. Birkhold was reared on the farm in Paulding county, this state. He received a common school education, and remained on the home farm until he was married on December 24, 1874, to Rebecca C. Jenkins, who was born and reared in Johnson township, Champaign county, Ohio. After his marriage, Mr. Birkhold bought forty acres in Paulding county, to which he later added another forty of timber land. A little later, however, he removed to Johnson township, Champaign county, and rented a farm, and then went to Shelby county and bought another forty acres. After a short residence there he returned to Johnson township and bought eighty acres, living there from 1881 to 1894. He then moved to what is now the village of Rosewood and erected the first building, in which he opened up a general store. He built up a good trade with the surrounding country. He was appointed postmaster in 1895, which position he held until 1899. He was

reappointed in 1914 and is still incumbent of the office, his record having ever been eminently satisfactory to both the postoffice department and the people. He owns one hundred and thirteen acres of good land in Union county, Ohio, also fifteen acres in Adams township, Champaign county. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank at St. Paris and is a director in that institution. He has managed well, and his perseverance and good judgment have brought him a large measure of material success. He has an attractive home in Rosewood.

To J. M. Birkhold and wife seven children have been born, namely: Rebecca, the wife of R. E. Hicks, of Kirkwood, Ohio; Jennie, the wife of C. L. Armstrong, of DeGraff, Logan county, Ohio; Jason P., who died at the age of twenty-four years; J. W., in business in Rosewood; Mary, the wife of Charles Cookston of Rosewood; Oscar F., living at home; and Fairy, the wife of Raymond Curl, a farmer of Adams township.

Politically, Mr. Birkhold is a Democrat. He served as justice of the peace for a period of twelve years in an able and highly commendable manner. He is at present township trustee. He belongs to the Lutheran church. He is one of the public-spirited and influential men of his community.

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### EDGAR V. HANNA.

One of the leading farmers and substantial citizens of Mad River township, and a life-long resident of Champaign county, is Edgar V. Hanna, living on the farm where he was born, one and one-fourth miles north of Westville, consisting of two hundred and forty-eight acres of fine land located in Mad River and Concord townships. Mr. Hanna was born on July 7, 1868, the son of Elijah and Mary (Arrowsmith) Hanna, the former of whom was a native of West Virginia, and the latter of Ohio.

Elijah Hanna was born in Nicholas county, West Virginia, May 7, 1824, and was reared on a farm in that county. When a young man he came to Champaign county, Ohio, where he worked at farm labor by the month during the summer seasons, cutting wood, or doing anything he could find to do to make a start in life, as he had come here a poor young man, with nothing but good health, industry and willing hands to make a place for himself in life. He was twice married, his first wife being Emily Haller, and to this union three children were born, only one of whom is now living, William, a farmer, of Corning, Iowa. His second wife was



MR. AND MRS. ELIJAH HANNA.





Mary Arrowsmith, who was a native of Champaign county, having been born on a farm in Mad River township on December 15, 1834. Her father, Mason Arrowsmith, was one of the pioneers of this county, a son of Ezekiel and Elizabeth Arrowsmith, who came here in December, 1801, and it was while Elijah Hanna was helping to build a saw-mill for her father that he met and married Mary Arrowsmith. Mason Arrowsmith's father, Ezekiel Arrowsmith, upon coming to this county from Virginia, entered land from the government. He and his wife erected a rude log cabin in the wilderness, which the family occupied for many years. It then was replaced by a brick house, built in 1824, which still stands. He made the brick and lime and with his own hands made the frames and doors out of walnut. This old house is still in good condition, though it was one of the earliest brick houses erected in these parts. They died in this house. When Ezekiel Arrowsmith and his family first settled on this land, it was still virgin forest, wild game of all kinds abounding in the woods, and bears and Indians being seen occasionally; but with true pioneer spirit they proceeded to literally hew a home out of the wilderness. In this brick house built in 1824 Ezekiel Arrowsmith spent their last days.

After his marriage to Mary Arrowsmith on March 26, 1862, Elijah Hanna settled on the farm which he had purchased from his first wife's father, and here they lived the remainder of their lives. He was a well-to-do and prominent farmer and made a success of his chosen calling. He and his wife were earnest and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Westville, and took an active and interested part in the affairs of the church. They were the parents of four children: Edgar V., of this review; Frank, who died at the age of forty-eight years; Charles, who died in 1901, and Laura L., who is living with her brother on the home place. Elijah Hanna died on September 23, 1901, and his widow survived him for more than ten years, her death occurring on May 9, 1913.

Edgar V. Hanna was reared on the home farm where he has lived all his life, receiving his education in the district schools of the township, and assisted with the work of the home farm. After leaving school he continued to work on the farm, and upon the death of his father, took over the entire management of the place. He built his present home in 1902. He is a successful farmer and stock raiser, having now (1917) a herd of forty-seven Shorthorn cattle and has fine horses. He and his sister are very comfortably and pleasantly situated on part of the old homestead. Like his father before him, he is a Republican in politics, but takes no active part in political affairs.

## GEORGE W. SMITH.

George W. Smith, a truck gardener and fruit grower living on his farm of seven acres of well tilled and well improved land one mile east of St. Paris, Ohio, was born in Craig county, Virginia, December 16, 1839, the son of James and Catherine (Deeds) Smith, both of whom were natives of Virginia.

James Smith was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and his wife was a native of the same county, where they grew up and were married. Later, they moved to Craig county, Virginia, and in the spring of 1852, they came with their family to Ohio, locating in Millerstown, this county, where James Smith worked as a cabinet-maker and at pottery making for several years; later, he moved to Bellefontaine, Ohio, where he followed his trade. In later years he returned to Virginia, where his death occurred, his wife having passed away previously in this county. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, widow of Henry Pence; Mary Jane; George W., of this review; Susanna; Isabelle, widow of Harvey Sowers; Nancy, wife of William Sagers, of Fremont, Ohio; Henry, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Joseph, living north of Millerstown, Ohio, and Sarah, wife of George Baker, of Grant county, Indiana.

George W. Smith came with his parents from Virginia when he was a lad of thirteen years of age, and received part of his education in the district schools of this county, although he had attended school to some extent in an old log school house in Virginia, of which he retains a picture. He also has a picture of the old farm house in Virginia where his birth occurred, which he prizes very highly. After leaving school he worked on a farm for his uncle, and also learned the harness trade from another uncle in Shelby county, Ohio, which occupation he followed for some years. On January 2, 1862, George W. Smith enlisted for service in the Union army in Company K, Fifty-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until he was mustered out at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio. There he took the measles and was removed to a hospital, where he lay ill for some time, finally reaching home in a very weakened condition. Later, he again joined the army, but on account of his ill health, was mustered out in the fall of 1862. After leaving the service, he returned to Champaign county, where he engaged in farming, and has since made that his principal occupation. He has been very successful as a fruit grower and truck gardener, and has a very comfortable and attractive home on the edge of the village of St. Paris.

On September 24, 1865, George W. Smith was married to Amanda

Offenbacher, who was born in Johnson township, November 7, 1846, the daughter of John Offenbacher and wife. To this union was born one son, William C., born November 22, 1880. William C. Smith is a graduate of the high school at St. Paris, and of the Urbana Business College at Urbana, now employed by the heat and light department at Columbus, Ohio. On August 31, 1916, he married Catherine McCormack, of Columbus, Ohio, and they make their home in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are earnest and devoted members of the Baptist church at Millerstown, in which they take an active interest. Mr. Smith is a member of the lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men at St. Paris, in which he holds the office of past sachem. He is a Republican in politics, and has always taken an active part in the civic life of his community, having served as township trustee, supervisor and also as constable.

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#### CLEMENT A. LONG.

One of the substantial citizens and prosperous farmers of Concord township, this county, is C. A. Long, the owner and proprietor of "Poplar Lane Farm," situated one and one-half miles north of Millerstown. He was born in Concord township on February 23, 1872, and is a son of Thomas R. and Lydia (McCroskey) Long, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Adams township, this county.

Thomas R. Long came from his native state to Ohio in an early day, and was here married to Lydia McCroskey in 1870. He located on a farm north of the present home of C. A. Long in 1839, remaining on this place for many years, but in later life moved to Johnson township, where his death occurred November 14, 1900. His widow is still living. They were the parents of four children, of whom C. A., is the eldest, the others being Emma, wife of Thomas Halterman; Mary, wife of Wallace Comer, and Homer.

Clement A. Long was reared to manhood on the home farm, receiving his education in the district schools, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he started to farm on his own account. That he has met with very commendable success, is attested by the fact that he is now the owner of one hundred and eight acres of land in Concord township, all of which is in a fine state of cultivation, with good buildings and all the modern equipment necessary to progressive, up-to-date farming. Mr. Long is engaged largely in buying and feeding live stock for the markets, deriving

a considerable income from this branch of farming. Besides his farming interests, Mr. Long is a stockholder in the United Telephone Company, of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

On September 27, 1894, C. A. Long was married to Anna Abbott, who was born in Millerstown, this county, and they are the parents of one son, Loren A., who was born on July 29, 1905. The latter is now a student in the public schools. The family are earnest and devoted members of the United Brethren church, and take an active interest in the affairs of the local church of that denomination at Rosewood. Mr. Long is a member of Lodge No. 397, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past noble grand of that order. He also holds membership in the encampment, where he has reached the office of past chief patriarch, and is at present the district deputy grand master of district "B". Both Mr. and Mrs. Long are active members of the Daughters of Rebekah, in which order Mrs. Long is past noble grand. Mr. Long is a Democrat in politics, and is actively interested in local civic affairs, being a warm supporter of all movements having for their object the betterment of the community. At one time Mr. Long served as justice of the peace of his township, and is now a member of the Concord township board of education.

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#### LEWIS F. PURK.

A well-known citizen of Adams township living in Carysville, the owner and proprietor of a general store in that village, and the owner of one hundred and fourteen acres of land, is Lewis F. Purk, who was born in Adams township, on a farm west of Rosewood, January 21, 1871, the son of Levi and Emeline (Klinger) Purk. The former was a native of this county, and the latter of Van Wert county, Ohio.

Levi Purk was born on a farm one mile south of Rosewood, near where his son, Lewis, now lives, on June 28, 1842, and was the son of Jeremiah and Polly (Rusk) Purk, the former of whom was a native of the vicinity of Shades Furnace, Pennsylvania, who came with his parents to Champaign county, among the early pioneers of Adams township. Jeremiah Purk lived the remainder of his life in this township, spending his last days in the village of Carysville, where his death occurred. He was a son of William Purk, a native of Maryland, who came to Pennsylvania in an early day, where he married a woman by the name of Purkeypole. His wife's name

was the same as his own, and at that time was spelled and used that way; but later the last two syllables of the name were dropped. Polly Rusk, the wife of Jeremiah Purk, was born in this county, her parents having come into the county in an early day from the East. Emeline Klinger, the mother of Lewis F. Purk, was born in Van Wert county, Ohio, the daughter of Abraham and Julia Ann (Heckard) Klinger, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, and were among the early settlers of Van Wert county.

As a young man, Levi Purk enlisted for service in the Union army in Company B, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served three years at the front. During the time of his service, he saved money, which he sent home and purchased the farm where Lewis F. is now living. After his return from the war, he was united in marriage to Emeline Klinger on April 3, 1865, and they located first on a farm south of Rosewood, where they lived a few years. Later they sold this place and bought another farm just north of them, where he lived the remainder of his life. Levi Purk and wife were the parents of ten children, two dying in infancy; those reaching maturity are: Corey, an engineer living in Iowa; Diana, wife of John C. Woolley, a farmer of Johnson township; Charles B., living near Rossburg, Shelby county, Ohio; Lewis F., the immediate subject of this review; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Berton Chaney, of Lima, Ohio; Stephen A., of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Alice V., who died at the age of twenty-two years, and John W., of Carysville, Ohio. Levi Purk and his wife were earnest members of the Christian church, in which they took an active interest. He was a member of Spring Hills, Ohio, lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a Republican in politics, always taking an active interest in political affairs.

Lewis F. Purk was reared to manhood on the farm in Adams township, receiving his early education in the district schools of his township, and he supplemented this by taking a business course in the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio. In 1896 he engaged in the general mercantile business at Carysville, Ohio, to which he devoted his entire time and attention for some years, and in which he was very successful, having built up a large and lucrative patronage in Carysville and the surrounding community. In later years, however, he has devoted much of his time and attention to his farming interests, although still engaged in the general merchandise business.

On May 22, 1907, Lewis F. Purk was married to Emma A. Ward, the daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Journell) Ward, pioneers of Johnson

township, who came to this county in an early day from the East. Mr. and Mrs. Purk are the parents of one daughter, Zelina Ruth, who is a student in the schools at Rosewood. The family are members of the Christian church at Carysville, and take an active and interested part in the affairs of that demonimation, Mr. Purk having served as trustee of the local church for the past eight years.

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### THOMAS E. WALBORN.

T. E. Walborn, an enterprising farmer now living on the H. H. Brecount farm of one hundred and ninety acres three miles west of St. Paris, was born in Jackson township, this county, September 4, 1868, the son of John H. and Elizabeth (Parker) Walborn, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume in the sketch of Solomon Walborn.

John H. Walborn and wife were the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living. Among the seven are the following: G. W., living on the J. W. Kiser farm in Johnson township; Thomas E., the immediate subject of this brief review; Minnie, the widow of William Betz, living at Bluffton, Indiana; Annie Jane, who died at the age of sixteen years; Solomon, a farmer of Johnson township; and Emma, the wife of Charles Stapleton, of Columbus, Ohio.

T. E. Walborn was but three years of age when he moved with his parents to Van Wert county, Ohio, where they lived for the next fourteen years, and there he received his education in the district schools. When he was seventeen years of age, the family moved to Jay county, Ind., with the exception of the mother, who died in Van Wert county, Ohio. He remained in Indiana for six years, during which time he was married. In 1891 he returned to Champaign county, locating in St. Paris, where he was engaged in the teaming and dray business for eleven years; from there he moved to the rented farm where he is now living.

Mr. Walborn has been thrice married, his first wife being Mary J. Brighton, whom he married in Indiana, and to this union three children were born: Charles, living near Westville, this county; William, living on the Kiser farm in Johnson township, and Carl, living on the Leonard Hall farm in Johnson township. After the family returned to St. Paris, the wife and mother died. Mr. Walborn then married Elina White, and to them one son was born, J. Roger, now a student in the public schools. After



the death of his second wife, and while he was still living in St. Paris, Mr. Walborn was married to Clare Batdorf, in May, 1911. She is a daughter of George and Margaret (Watkins) Batdorf, and was born and reared in St. Paris, Ohio. Mrs. Walborn is a member of the Reformed church at St. Paris, as were her parents before her, who lived and died in this village.

Mr. Walborn is a Democrat in politics, and has always taken an active interest in local public matters. While living in St. Paris, he served as councilman of the village board for two years.

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### CHARLES O. TAYLOR.

The late Charles O. Taylor, for years a well-known hardware merchant of Urbana and a substantial landowner of Champaign county, who died at his home in Urbana in the fall of 1906 and whose widow is still living in that city, was a native son of Champaign county and lived here all his life. He was born on the Mad River farm in Concord township on August 12, 1852, son of Oliver and Catherine (Caraway) Taylor, both of whom also were born in this county, members of old families, and who spent all their lives here. Oliver Taylor was born on a pioneer farm at Spring Hills and there grew to manhood and was married. He continued a farmer and stockman all his life, his death occurring on the old home place. He was a man of much energy, a leader in his community and was for years president of the Citizens National Bank of Urbana, and was one of the best-known and most influential bankers in the county. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and he was a deacon of the local congregation. Three children were born to Oliver Taylor and wife, Charles O. Taylor being the only one who grew to maturity.

Reared on the home farm on Mad River, Charles O. Taylor received his early education in the schools of Concord township and supplemented the same by a course in Gundray Commercial College at Cincinnati. From the days of his youth he took an active interest in the work of the farm and upon leaving college returned to the home farm. Later he located on a farm of three hundred and twenty-three acres, where he established his home and became actively engaged in stock raising, a breeder of fine stock, his specialty being Percheron and Norman horses. He made several trips to Scotland to import those breeds, his efforts in this connection doing much to improve the strain of horseflesh throughout this part of the state.

In 1892 Mr. Taylor retired from the farm and moved to Urbana, where he engaged in the general hardware business and was thus successfully engaged until his retirement from business. He continued to make his home in Urbana and there he spent his last days, his death occurring on November 12, 1906, about two years after his retirement from business. Mr. Taylor was an active Republican and was a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

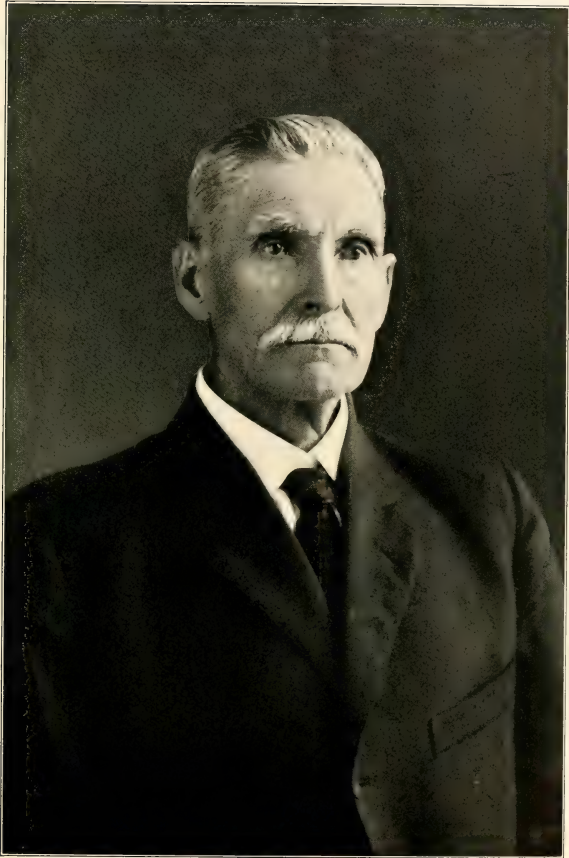
On March 29, 1876, Charles O. Taylor was united in marriage to Emma E. Downs, daughter of William and Catherine (Saunders) Downs, and to this union three children were born, namely: William Oliver Taylor, who married Adah Rhodes and is now living in New York City; Vance, who married Gladys Blackmer, of St. Gonis, where they live, and has two children, Catherine and Caroline, and Elizabeth, who married William M. Dixon, of Urbana, and has one child, a daughter, Catherine Caraway. Mrs. Taylor is still living at Urbana, where she is very pleasantly situated.

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### ISAIAH STOWE.

Isaiah Stowe, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Wayne township, this county, and an honored veteran of the Civil War, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life, having made his home at North Lewisburg for the past fifteen years or more. He was born on a pioneer farm in Wayne township on November 7, 1843, son of William and Julia Ann (Tucker) Stowe, whose last days were spent in this county.

William Stowe was born in Virginia and was but five years of age when he came to this county with his parents, John and Sallie (Spain) Stowe, who were among the early settlers of Wayne township, where they established their home in the heavy timber, clearing off a small tract upon which to erect an humble log cabin when they settled there, and there they spent the remainder of their lives, influential and useful pioneers of that part of the county. John Stowe and his wife were the parents of seven children, William, John, Edwin, Joel, Richard, Patsy and Polly. William Stowe grew to manhood on that pioneer farm, receiving his schooling in the old log school house in that neighborhood, and after his marriage to Julia Ann Tucker, also a member of a pioneer family in that section, settled on the old home farm, later moving to Union county and after some years spent there returning to this county and locating on a farm south of



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North Lewisburg, where he spent the remainder of his life. For years he was constable for his home township and also served in the local militia for several years. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Sarah, who died unmarried; Lavina, widow of Jacob Fisher, a Champaign county farmer, who has one daughter, Chloe, wife of Lewis Rowell, of Urbana, and Diantha, who lives in North Lewisburg.

Reared on the farm, Isaiah Stowe received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of improving and developing the home farm. On May 2, 1864, in his twentieth year, Mr. Stowe enlisted for service during the hundred-day term as a soldier of the Union, a private in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was engaged in several important engagements and skirmishes of the Civil War; the greater part of his service, however, being performed on guard duty near Petersburg, Virginia. Upon the completion of his military service he returned home and took up the duties of the farm and continued farming that place until about 1902, when he retired from the farm and moved to North Lewisburg, where he is now living, in comfortable retirement. Mr. Stowe owns a comfortable house and two acres of land at the west edge of North Lewisburg and his sister, Mrs. Fisher, keeps house for him, the two being very pleasantly situated.

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#### PEARL V. JONES.

Pearl V. Jones, farmer of Urbana township, Champaign county, was born on June 17, 1874, in Union township, this county, on a farm two miles north of the village of Mutual. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Nincehelter) Jones. The father was born in Champaign county, Ohio, and the mother was a native of Pennsylvania. He was a son of William Jones, a native of Virginia, where he grew up and married, finally making the overland journey from the Old Dominion to Champaign county, Ohio, being among the first settlers in the Muddy Creek district, Concord township, where he cleared and developed a farm. His wife was Elizabeth Swan before her marriage. Their union resulted in the birth of the following children:

Lewis E., who established his home in California, died there; Miles, who lived in Bryan, Ohio, where he died; Mrs. Jennie Van Zant, who lived for many years in Indiana, but she died in Cable, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Crozier, who died in Springfield, Ohio; John, father of the subject of this sketch, the youngest of the family.

John Jones grew to manhood on the home farm in Concord township, and there attended the rural schools of the early days. He first married a Miss Mullholland, who died in Union township, this county. By their union five children were born, Emery, a farmer in Nebraska; Loren, living in Columbus, Ohio; Charles, who lives in Cable, Ohio; Jennie, who married W. T. Busser, of Piqua, Ohio, and William, who lives in Butte, Montana.

John Jones married for his second wife, Elizabeth Nincehelter, and by their union two children were born, Pearl V., of this sketch, and Mary E., wife of William E. Ward, a farmer of Urbana township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. After starting out in life for himself, Mr. Jones continued to live awhile in Concord township, later moving to Urbana township, and finally to Union township, where he resided until his removal to Urbana township, where he spent the rest of his life. He died in 1897 at the age of seventy-two years. His second wife died in 1906 at the age of seventy years. Politically, he was a Republican. He served as justice of the peace for some time. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Pearl V. Jones grew to manhood on the home farm. He attended the common schools of Urbana township, and continued to live at home with his parents until they died. In November, 1903, he married Keren Toomire, who was born in Jackson township, this county, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Harrison and Maranda E. (Brecount) Toomire. Her father was also a native of Jackson township, and a son of Wesley Toomire, who was born in Concord township, this county, but was of a Pennsylvanian family. The mother of Mrs. Jones was a daughter of Solomon G. Brecount, a native of the state of New York, and an early settler in Champaign county, Ohio, locating at St. Paris. He engaged in farming and contracting, building part of the Pennsylvania railroad in this county. Harrison Toomire engaged in farming in Jackson township until he moved to Urbana, retiring from active life. His death occurred in 1892. His widow still lives in Urbana, and is a member of the Methodist church to which he also belonged. To these parents four children were born, namely: Hattie A., now deceased, the wife of Lemuel



W. Hyatt, who lived in Urbana; Catherine I., wife of Sherman Thompson, of Urbana; Keren, wife of Mr. Jones of this sketch; Romie, wife of Harry L. Greenbank of Piqua, Ohio.

Mr. Jones has always engaged in farming. He now owns sixty-six and one-half acres, a part of the old homestead. He keeps a number of good dairy cows. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, but has never sought or held public office. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Urbana.

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### OTHO G. JOHNSON.

Otho G. Johnson, well-known stockman and substantial retired farmer, of Mingo, this county, former trustee of Wayne township and for years one of the most active factors in the general business life of that community, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on the old Johnson homestead place north of Mingo, in Wayne township, October 23, 1859, son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Stone) Johnson, the former of whom was born on that same place and the latter in the state of Virginia, her death occurring in July, 1917. Their last days were spent here, where they were useful and influential residents of the neighborhood.

Alfred Johnson was the son of Jacob Johnson and wife. The latter a member of the Boggs family who came to Ohio from Maryland in 1805 and settled in Wayne township, this county, early becoming recognized as among the leading pioneer families of that part of the county. At the time Jacob Johnson established his home in Wayne township, Indians still were plentiful hereabout and his family was reared amid real pioneer conditions. He and his sons developed a fine piece of property there and the old home place is still in the possession of the family after a lapse of more than a century. Jacob Johnson and wife were the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Hiram, who established his home on a farm on the Ludlow road; Nelson, who married Eliza Gilbert and established his home one mile east of Mingo; Polly, who married Colonel Thomas and lived in Salem township, and Alfred, the last born, now dead.

Reared on the old home farm in Wayne township, Alfred Johnson established his home there after his marriage and there spent all his life, becoming one of the most extensive farmers and stockmen in that part of the county, a man of large influence in his community. He was a Republican and took an active part in political affairs, becoming one of the leaders of

his party in his section. His wife was a member of the Baptist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, of whom Otho G. Johnson was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Thomas L., a well-known lawyer at Cleveland; John B., who is a farmer in the neighborhood of DeFuniak Springs, Florida; Martha, who is living at Marion, this state, widow of Daniel W. Strayer; Charles N., who for twenty years was connected with the Kansas City stock yards and is now a prosperous farmer in Salem township, this county; Fred, formerly a conductor on the Wabash railroad, who was killed in a wreck in 1913, and Merton R., a well-known resident of Mingo.

Brought up on the old home farm established by his grandfather, Otho G. Johnson received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant in the labors of developing and improving the place and in helping his father in the latter's extensive live stock operations, thus early becoming a practical farmer and stockman. He married at the age of twenty-one and made his home on the west part of the old homestead place. He remained there until 1910, in which year he left the farm and moved to Mingo, for the better management of the extensive live stock interests he had been developing, and there he has since made his home. For twenty years or more Mr. Johnson has been engaged in the buying and selling of live stock, shipping mostly to the Cleveland yards, and has made a specialty of raising on his farm Poland-China hogs and Percheron horses, for many years having been recognized as one of the leading stockmen in this part of the state. He and his brother, Thomas L. Johnson, are the owners of more than five hundred acres of excellent land. Mr. Johnson is a Republican and for some time served as trustee of his home township.

In 1880 Otho G. Johnson was united in marriage to Laura Thomas, who was born on the old Thomas farm in Salem township, this county, a daughter of Josephus and Jane (Downs) Thomas, and to this union four children have been born, as follow: Nellie, wife of Arthur Johnson, of Bellefontaine, Ohio; Alfred, a progressive young farmer living one-half mile east of Mingo, who married Ruth Gilbert and has two sons, Claude and Otho; Lulu May, wife of Edward Warye, of Salem township, this county, and Mary, who married Blaine Watkins, who is farming the old Johnson homestead farm, and has one child, a daughter, Elsie, a representative of the fifth generation of the same family in continuous occupancy of that place. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Baptist church and both she and

Mr. Johnson have ever been attentive to local good works, helpful in many ways in promoting such movements as were designed to advance the common welfare of the community in which they have lived all their lives and in which their respective families have been prominently represented since pioneer days.

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### EDWARD N. KEESECKER.

Edward N. Keesecker, well-known and progressive merchant at Cable, this county, and the oldest business man continuously engaged in business in that village, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the village of Mutual, in the neighboring township of Union, July 12, 1861, son of Martin and Catherine (Craft) Keesecker, natives of Virginia, who came to Ohio shortly after their marriage and settled in the village of Mutual, where Martin Keesecker resumed work at his trade, that of a shoemaker. Later he moved to Cable and about twenty years ago moved from that village to Greenville, where he is still living. To him and his wife six children were born, of whom two are now living in Champaign county, Edward N. Keesecker having a sister here, Ella, wife of C. M. Graham.

Edward N. Keesecker was about five years of age when his parents moved from Mutual to Cable, and in the latter village he received his schooling. He began work as a farm hand upon leaving school, going to work at a wage of eight dollars a month, and was thus engaged for three or four years. At the end of that time he began clerking in the general store of Dunham & Chrisman at Cable and has ever since been engaged in the mercantile business in that village, having been proprietor of his own store for twenty-two years, a period of continuous business connection exceeding that of any other business man in the village. For ten years Mr. Keesecker continued clerking for Dunham & Chrisman and then he concluded to start in business for himself, and in the fall of 1895 he opened a small store on the north side of the railroad track. He did so well there that at the end of a year he was ready for larger quarters and a more extensive stock of goods; accordingly he moved his store to the Odd Fellow building where he remained for six years, continuing to do an excellent business. He then bought the place in which he had begun his mercantile career as a clerk years ago, a two-story building, forty by sixty feet in extent, and has ever since occupied that building, having there one of the

most up-to-date general stores in Champaign county. Mr. Keesecker handles a well-selected general line and spares no pains to meet the demands of his growing trade.

In 1888 Edward N. Keesecker was united in marriage to Esther Morecraft, daughter of John Morecraft and wife, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Raymond. Mr. Keesecker is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been included in the office seeking class. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that popular organization.

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### ALONZO R. HUPP.

Alonzo R. Hupp, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Urbana township, this county, was born in the neighboring county of Clark, but has been a resident of this county since the days of his boyhood, his parents having moved up into this county in 1874, settling on a farm in Union township. The place of his birth was a farm in the immediate vicinity of the old Deer school, west of Bowlusville, and the date thereof was February 18, 1863. His father, Michael Hupp, was born in Virginia and his mother, Phoebe (Morris) Hupp, was born in Clark county, a member of one of the old families of this section of the state. Michael Hupp is still living and now resides with his son Alonzo and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. The twelve children born to them, of whom nine are still living, are: William, A. R., Jennie, Albert, Irvin, Charlie, Frank, Laura, Doc, Marley, Roy and Elmer.

Reared on the home farm in the southern part of this county, Alonzo R. Hupp, better known among his friends as "Lon" Hupp, received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant in the labors of the home place, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then took up the carpenter trade and followed it more or less for about fourteen years, farming some meanwhile. About thirty years ago he rented a farm and engaged in farming on his own account. About thirteen years ago Mr. Hupp bought the farm on which he is now living and has ever since made that place his home, he and his family being very comfortably situated. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Hupp also for years operated a threshing-rig in season through-

out his part of the county and is widely known thereabout. He is a Democrat and has for years given his close attention to local political affairs and is a member of the school board in his district.

In 1895 Alonzo R. Hupp was united in marriage to Elizabeth Ashing, daughter of Jacob Ashing, of this county, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Glennie Mae. Mr. and Mrs. Hupp are members of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church at Urbana and take a proper interest in church affairs, as well as in the general good works of the community in which they live.

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### WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

William Crawford, agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Cable, this county, a member of the school board of that flourishing village and in other ways actively identified with the growing interests of the town, is a native son of Champaign county, a member of one of the old families of this county, further and fitting reference to which is made elsewhere in this volume. He was born at Woodstock, in Rush township, February 10, 1866, and was reared in that village, receiving his schooling there and early taking up farm work in that vicinity. Incidentally, he learned telegraphing and in 1894 was made railway telegraph operator at Fountain Park, this state, where he remained for about fifteen years. At the end of that time he was transferred to Urbana, later to Piqua and then, in 1910, to Cable, the Pennsylvania company making him station agent there, where he has since made his home, one of the most active and energetic residents of that hustling village. Mr. Crawford is a Republican and is a member of the school board, in this capacity having been largely instrumental in bringing about the construction of the fine new consolidated school building at Cable, one of the best buildings of this type in Champaign county.

Mr. Crawford has been twice married. In 1893 he was united in marriage to Lucy Cushman, who is now deceased, and to that union two children were born, Pearl and Harriet. In 1909 he married, secondly, Eliza Leonard, which union has been without issue. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Cable and take an earnest interest in church work. They are also closely connected with the other good works and in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Crawford is a York Rite and Royal Arch Mason, a member of



the blue lodge, the chapter and Knights Templar at Urbana, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. Since taking up his residence in Cable he has done much to advance the general interests of the town in a material way and is looked upon as one of the "live wires" of that section of the county.

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### ROGER H. MURPHEY.

Roger H. Murphey, the well-known veteran florist at Urbana and former postmaster of that city, was born in Urbana and has lived there all his life, one of the best-known citizens of Champaign county. He was born on December 23, 1853, son of Charles H. and Sophia B. (Lang) Murphey, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of the kingdom of Bavaria, who became residents of Urbana in 1852, the year of their marriage, and there spent the remainder of their lives, Charles H. Murphey for years having been engaged in the nursery business in that city.

Charles H. Murphey was born in Kirkcudbright, Scotland, January 12, 1817, his birthplace being about two miles from that of Robert Burns. He grew to manhood in his native land, where he was trained as a landscape gardener and where he also learned the details of the distillery business. In 1843, he then being twenty-six years of age, he came to this country, his point of destination being Cincinnati, whence he presently went to Peoria, Illinois, where for some years he was engaged working in one of the big distilleries in that city. He also worked in one of the Indiana distilleries awhile and then came over into Ohio, settling on Mad river, where he distilled, and was thus engaged until after his marriage in 1852, when he moved to Urbana and there was given charge of the laying out of a new cemetery which a company of prominent citizens had established there and which, according to the best present recollection, was to be known as "Oakdale." That cemetery proposition, however, was soon dashed, for a law was enacted not long afterward forbidding the establishment of cemeteries within the corporate limits of Ohio cities and the cemetery project was thus perforce abandoned. Mr. Murphey, however, had learned to love the plot of ground on which he had been working and, recognizing the possibilities of a properly conducted nursery at Urbana, he bought the tract from the cemetery association and in partnership with his brother, Peter H. Murphey, engaged there in the nursery business and continued thus engaged until his retirement in 1875, his son, the subject of this sketch, at that time taking





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over the business. After his retirement Charles H. Murphey continued to make his home in Urbana and there spent his last days, his death occurring on January 13, 1891, the day following the seventy-fourth anniversary of his birth. His widow survived him for twenty years, her death occurring in 1911. She was born, Sophia Lang, in the kingdom of Bavaria, and was but six years of age when she came to this country with her father, who located in Cincinnati, where she grew to womanhood and where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Murphey. To that union six children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Charles H., Ella, wife of Joseph Stokes, Walter T., George C. and Thomas L.

Reared at Urbana, Roger H. Murphey received his schooling in the schools of that city and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of operating the nursery plant. Upon completing his studies he was sent by his father to France to visit the great greenhouses of that country with a view to learning something of the methods so effectively used by the florists of France, and after thoroughly familiarizing himself with these methods he returned home and in 1875 bought from his father the greenhouse business the latter had been gradually working up in connection with his nursery. In 1878 Roger H. Murphey abandoned the latter department of the business and has since devoted his entire attention to the florist business, in that time creating one of the largest and most admirably equipped greenhouses in the state of Ohio and becoming recognized as one of the six largest dealers in the United States following the particular line to which he has given his most careful thought. That line is the cultivation of small rose plants for sale wholesale to other florists over the country. He grows these plants until they are six or eight inches in height and then ships them on demand. At the opening of the present season Mr. Murphey had one million of these growing plants in his greenhouses to supply the enormous demand that has been created for them. He cultivates two hundred different varieties of roses and is thus prepared to fill almost any kind of an order in that direction. When he began to enlarge his florist business Mr. Murphey had but about three hundred and sixty square feet under glass. Now his great greenhouses cover more than sixty-seven thousand square feet and his equipment in every respect is complete and up-to-date, his plant covering eleven acres of ground. Mr. Murphey is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs. In June, 1897, he was appointed by President McKinley to the position of special agent in connection with the rural free delivery mail

service and eighteen months later, in April, 1899, was appointed postmaster of Urbana, which important position he occupied for eight years.

In 1878 Roger H. Murphey was united in marriage to Anna C. Keller, daughter of Maurice Keller and wife, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Charles R., who married Lillian Harmon and has one child, a son, Robert C.; William M., who married Marie Hurd and died on March 29, 1916, leaving a widow and one child, a daughter, Anna Belle; E. Frank, who married Mayme Murray, and Mary, who married George Henderson and died on May 23, 1916, leaving her husband and two children, Dorothy and Calvin. The Murpheys have a very pleasant home at Urbana and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Murphey is a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the blue lodge and the commandery at Urbana, and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the temple at Dayton, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

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### DAVID ORRIN BRELSFORD.

Every man must be the architect of his success. If he has the right mettle in him he cannot be kept down; if he is made of inferior material he cannot be kept up, though all the world try to elevate him. David Orrin Brelsford, one of the progressive educators of Champaign county, knew at the beginning of his career that if he succeeded he would have to be industrious, capable and conscientious, and so he has forged ahead because of these qualities.

Mr. Brelsford, the present superintendent of the Jackson centralized schools, was born at Millerstown, Johnson township, this county, January 9, 1870. He is a son of Charles and Mary E. Brelsford. The father was born at Madison, Wisconsin, in 1845; the mother was born in Johnson township, Champaign county, Ohio, July 4, 1846. The paternal grandparents of David O. Brelsford were natives of England, and the maternal grandparents lived at Aberdeen, Scotland, of the clan of Scott. To Charles and Mary E. Brelsford two children were born: David O., of this sketch; and Rev. Millard Brelsford, now a resident of Granville, Ohio.

David O. Brelsford received his early education in the common schools of Shelby county, Ohio, and later spent several terms in Ohio Northern

University, taking a mixed course. Thus exceptionally well equipped for his chosen life work, he began teaching at St. Paris, Champaign county, where he spent fifteen years in this work; seven years of which were in the high school. He was then superintendent of the Salem township schools for seven years. He was then elected superintendent of the Jackson centralized schools, which position he still occupies. He was county examiner for two terms. He also served as president of the County Teachers' Association for two years, and was a member of the executive committee several terms for the teachers' institute. In all these positions he has discharged his duties in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. Being faithful, conscientious and painstaking in his work, and having remained a close student of all that pertains to educational affairs, he has kept fully abreast of the times. He has done as much, if not more, to bring the schools of Champaign county up to a high and efficient standard than any other man, having introduced from time to time new methods and equipment. Since the schools of which he has had charge have been placed under such a superb system of management, they have continued to do excellent work and very favorably compare with the best schools in the rural districts over the state of Ohio.

Mr. Brelsford is owner of a well improved and productive farm of eighty acres in Champaign county.

On December 30, 1892, Mr. Brelsford was united in marriage with Minnie Slack, who was born on August 6, 1872, in Johnson township, Champaign county, and there she grew to womanhood and received a common school education. She is a daughter of Cornelius and Ann Slack, who were the parents of two children, a son and a daughter, namely: Minnie, who married Mr. Brelsford and Charles Slack.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brelsford, they are: Lowell, born March 23, 1895; Edith, born April 8, 1904; and Charles G., born August 14, 1906.

Politically, Mr. Brelsford is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to St. Paris Lodge, No. 355, Free and Accepted Masons; St. Paris Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 344, which he served as chancellor commander and delegate to the grand lodge for two years. Religiously, he belongs to the First Baptist church at St. Paris. He is a man of commendable personal attributes and is well known and popular throughout the county, a plain unpretentious gentleman, whose chief aim in life is to promote better educational facilities and to be a useful citizen.

## GEORGE E. STEPHENSON.

George E. Stephenson, secretary, treasurer and manager of the Rosewood Grain Company, which operates an elevator at Rosewood, Adams township, is one of the best known grain men in Champaign county. He was born in the above named township and county, April 9, 1867. He is a son of Thomas and Hettie (Whitmer) Stephenson. The father was born in Clark county, this state, in 1830. He was a son of David and Anna (Kiser) Stephenson, both natives of Virginia, where they grew up and married. They removed to Clark county, Ohio, among the early settlers and lived there many years, finally removing to Logan county, this state, and spent the rest of their lives there.

Thomas Stephenson was reared on the home farm and educated in the district schools. When a young man of twenty years he left Clark county for Logan county and lived there with his parents until he went to Indiana, where he spent several years. He then returned to Ohio and bought a farm in Adams township, Champaign county, and here he remained, engaged in general farming, until he retired from active life. He finally moved to Rosewood, where he died. His family consisted of six children, four of whom are living at this time, namely: Clara B., who is the wife of David Weimer of Shelby county, Ohio; Charles D., who lives in Crowell, Texas; George E., of this sketch; and T. J., who lives on the home place in Adams township.

George E. Stephenson grew to manhood on the home farm in Adams township, received his early education in the district schools, and later studied at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, this state. After leaving college he took up teaching, which he followed with much success. His services were in demand and he was popular with both pupils and patrons and ranked among the leading educators of this section of the state. He kept well abreast of the times in all that pertained to his profession and was active in institute work. He was superintendent of schools at Woodstock for three years, and superintendent at St. Paris for seven years, after which he spent two years in Sidney, Ohio. In 1906 he came to Rosewood and turned his attention to the elevator business for himself. He continued thus for two years and in 1908 organized the Rosewood Grain Company, of which he has been secretary, treasurer and manager ever since. The business has constantly grown under his able management until it has become one of the best known elevators in Champaign and adjoining counties. A large



amount of grain is handled annually. Mr. Stephenson also owns a fine farm of one hundred acres in Adams township, where he carries on general farming.

Mr. Stephenson was married on December 22, 1893, to Minnie Laurer of Conover, Miami county, Ohio, and to their union two children have been born, namely: Mabel H., who was graduated from the high school in Adams township, then attended the Ohio State University at Columbus, from which she was graduated, and is now teaching English in the local high school; Laura W., who was graduated from the high school in Adams township, April 28, 1917.

Politically, Mr. Stephenson is a Democrat. He was a member of the school board in Adams township for a period of eight years. He is prominent in fraternal circles of the county and belongs to the following lodges: Pharos Lodge No. 255, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master; St. Paris Chapter, No. 137, Royal Arch Masons; Urbana Council, Royal and Select Masters; St. Paris Order of Eastern Star; the Knights of Pythias at St. Paris, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Rosewood. His wife belongs to the Universalist church at Conover.

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### JOHN T. SARVER.

John T. Sarver, retired farmer and stockman, now living at Spring Hills, and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Harrison township, this county, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 11, 1843, son of Jacob and Barbara (Pence) Sarver, who were both members of pioneer families in Champaign county and whose last days were spent here.

Jacob Sarver was born on November 6, 1816, son of Jacob and Nancy (Robinson) Sarver, who came to this county in 1808 and settled in Harrison township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, and were numbered among the most useful and influential pioneer residents of that community. The elder Jacob Sarver was born on March 16, 1779, and his wife was born on November 15, 1776. Upon coming to this county the pioneer, Jacob Sarver, entered a quarter of a section of land in what is now Harrison township and there established his home. He was an energetic man, and, as his affairs prospered, he gradually added to his holdings until he became owner of enough land to give each of his children a quarter of a

section as they grew to maturity. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, six of whom grew to maturity and established homes of their own. The senior Jacob Sarver died on May 20, 1844, and his widow survived him many years, her death occurring in January, 1872. They were members of the United Brethren church and took an active interest in church work, and in the development of the social side of the community in pioneer days.

The junior Jacob Sarver grew up on the pioneer farm on which he was born in Harrison township and after his marriage was given a quarter of a section of land by his father on which to establish his home. He was a good farmer and did well in his operations, gradually added to his holdings until he became a well-to-do landowner and a man of much influence in his community. His wife, who was Barbara Pence, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, died on January 1, 1895, and he survived her for a little more than seven years, his death occurring on March 13, 1902, he then being past eighty-five years of age. He and his wife were the parents of six sons, those besides the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, being as follow: Samuel C., born on August 12, 1841, who is now living at Topeka, Kansas; Jacob S., June 2, 1847, who is now living in Rosewood; David H., June 15, 1849, of Oklahoma; Isaac J., June 9, 1855, of near Bradford, Ohio, and William E., November 26, 1857, of Quincy, this state.

John T. Sarver was reared on the old home farm in Harrison township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and from the days of his boyhood was a valuable assistant in the labors of developing and improving the home place. When he "started out" for himself he received one hundred and thirty acres of the home place and continued to improve and cultivate the same until his retirement from the active labors of the farm on December 27, 1915, and removal to Spring Hill, where he and his wife are now living and where they are very comfortably situated. Mr. Sarver continues to own his farm and has rented the same to advantage. He is a Republican, but has never held public office.

On May 11, 1902, John T. Sarver was united in marriage to Susanna Neal, who was born in Concord township, this county, June 11, 1868, daughter of James R. and Barbara (Taylor) Neal, and who was reared on a farm in that township and received her schooling in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Sarver are members of the Salem United Brethren church in Harrison township and take a proper interest in church work and in other movements for the community's welfare.

## SAMUEL L. ROBISON.

The sterling pioneer, Samuel L. Robison, is eminently worthy of having his life record perpetuated on the pages of local history, for he led a life of usefulness and honor, and did his share of the work in his locality in paving the way for the present-day progress and prosperity. He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1817. He was a son of David and Nancy (Hunter) Robison, both natives of that county. There they grew up, married and spent their lives on a farm.

The following children were born to David and Nancy (Hunter) Robison: Jane, who married Thomas Walker and they located in Chester county, Pennsylvania; Esther who married James Simpson; Eliza, who married James McClune, a teacher in the high school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they resided for a number of years, later established their home in Chester county, that state; John, a merchant, farmer, lime and coal dealer at different periods of his life, who married first, Catherine Myers, and secondly Isabella Lang, his death occurring in Pennsylvania; Samuel L., of this sketch; William, a merchant in Pennsylvania; Hunter, a mechanic by trade, who went West in the early days and died in California in 1849; and the youngest child, who died in infancy.

Samuel L. Robison grew up in his native county and attended the early-day schools there. In 1852 he came to Champaign county, Ohio, and engaged in the clothing business in Urbana with Robert Given, later buying a farm of one hundred acres on Pretty Prairie, Urbana township, where his son, John A., and the latter's sister, Ann M., now make their home. He put up all the buildings, made other good improvements and developed an excellent farm, which he operated until 1870, when he retired from active life. He continued, however, to live there until his death, December 26, 1910, at the unusual age of ninety-three and one-half years. His wife died on December 3, 1914, aged eighty-seven years. They were a fine old couple and had the esteem and good will of all who knew them. They were worthy members of the Presbyterian church. Before coming to this county Mr. Robison followed the mercantile business in different places, and taught school.

The following children were born to Samuel L. Robison and wife: William H., who married Rebecca E. Dunlap, and is engaged in farming in Urbana township, Champaign county; David T., who graduated from Hanover College and engaged in teaching several years, died, single, at the

age of twenty-six; Catherine, who died in Pennsylvania; Sarah, deceased; John A., born on the old home place and here has continued to reside and carry on general farming; Anna M., also born on the home farm in Urbana township and here has always resided; James, formerly engaged in the hardware and grain business in Urbana, Ohio, who married Lida Hedges. John A. and Anna M. Robison grew up on the home farm and were educated in the common schools of their neighborhood. She owns property in Urbana, and he owns one hundred and seventy acres of the homestead and three hundred and twenty acres in another part of Urbana township. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, but now rents out his land on which he set out over a mile of catalpa trees in 1888, and is living in retirement. He is a Republican and he and his sister belong to the Presbyterian church at Urbana.

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#### WARREN B. HOISINGTON.

One of the progressive agriculturists of Rush township, this county, is Warren B. Hoisington, who was born on his father's old home place in that township, January 17, 1847. He is a son of William W. and Olive (Kimball) Hoisington. The father was also a native of Rush township, where his family located in pioneer times. William W. Hoisington was a son of Abisha and Lucinda (Hastings) Hoisington, the former born on January 9, 1769, and the latter on August 3, 1768. They were natives of Vermont, where they spent their earlier years; making the long and somewhat hazardous journey from New England to Ohio in 1817, coming most of the way to Champaign county in a wagon drawn by an ox-team. They were typical pioneers and erected their cabin in the woods of Rush township, clearing and developing a farm by hard work and perseverance. Abisha Hoisington married for his second wife Lucinda Hastings, December 13, 1792. She was born on May 19, 1771, and died on September 13, 1825. His first wife, Olive Parkes, was born on August 3, 1768, and died on May 11, 1792. Abisha Hoisington became the father of eight children, namely: Olive, born on October 26, 1793; Sabrina, June 8, 1796; Harriet, January 5, 1798; Marie, July 14, 1800; John Milton, January 4, 1806; Mary Ann, April 5, 1809; Eleanore Dean, September 18, 1811, and William Wallace, April 7, 1816. All the above-named children were by Mr. Hoisington's second wife, Lucinda Hastings.



FRED B. HOISINGTON





William W. Hoisington, father of the subject of this sketch, grew up amid pioneer conditions on the home farm in Rush township. He assisted with the general work of clearing the virgin land and raising crops until he started out for himself. He first married Pollie Franklin, a native of Vermont, and after her death married Olive Kimball, a daughter of B. and Electa (Guthridge) Kimball. William W. Hoisington was the father of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth. John G. Hoisington, the first-born of these children and the only child by the first marriage of his father, was born on May 6, 1843. He was a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company A, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was stationed at Washington, D. C., for some time. He was first in the three-months service, then re-enlisted. He took part in the first battle of Bull Run and later served with the Army of the Cumberland in Kentucky and Tennessee. He was three times married; first, to Mary Sessions, then to Mary Foster and, lastly, to Emma Brannon. After the war he located on a farm near Woodstock, in this county, where he spent the rest of his life, dying on March 21, 1907. Fred B. Hoisington, born on July 6, 1844, also served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, having enlisted in Company G, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry and while serving in the South, in the Army of the Cumberland, he was captured by the Confederates and was for some time a prisoner at Andersonville, Georgia, and in Florence, Alabama. After the war he returned home and married Angela Kerr, of North Lewisburg, Ohio. He was in the drug business for awhile, and in 1898 was appointed special government land appraiser under President McKinley, later holding the responsible position of general land agent. His death occurred on September 18, 1916. Amy L. Hoisington, born on March 22, 1849, has remained unmarried and continued to live on the old home place in Rush township. Celia E. Hoisington, born on September 26, 1853, died when three years old. William W. Hoisington, Jr., born on October 19, 1857, married Mary Arnold and is engaged in the carpenter's trade at Woodstock.

In connection with the late Fred B. Hoisington's appointment in 1898 to a government position there is an exceedingly interesting story, which is told in the following special dispatch from Columbus to the *Cincinnati Commercial Tribune*, dated May 19 of that year:

President McKinley has made one appointment to which not even the most rabid Mugwump will object. The recipient of that appointment, a Champaign county man, passed through Columbus the other day on his way to Washington to thank the Presi-

dent personally. It was through ex-Secretary of State Samuel M. Taylor that Major McKinley heard of the existence of the appointee. During the Major's first term as governor, he spoke at the G. A. R. campfire in northern Ohio. There were several in the Columbus party, including Lieutenant-Governor Harris and Secretary Taylor, who spoke after the Governor.

Taylor was not a soldier and felt awkward in trying to address veterans. So, in lieu of a speech, he told a story about a man in his county, a private in the Ninety-fifth O. V. I. He told of the incarceration in Andersonville of this young Ohio soldier and a fellow private of his company; how both wasted away under the Andersonville ordeal. The Champaign county man's friend was weaker and near to dying on the day when the list of prisoners to be exchanged was read out. The crowd of skeletons strained their ears, each with the fierce hope of hearing his name. The Champaign county man's name was read, but Fred compressed his lips and did not answer. The list was finished and Bill's name was not on it. Then only did Fred's lips relax. He said quickly: "Bill, answer to my name. You can't stand this. I'll pull through." Bill did and was exchanged. Nine months later Fred, weighing ninety pounds, was exchanged. He had weighed 160 when captured.

On the way back from the campfire the Governor said: "Taylor, I wish you would write out that story and let me have it." Taylor did so, and the Major used it in his speech at Grant's tomb on Memorial Day, 1894.

Not long before the inauguration Secretary Taylor was in Canton, when the President-elect remarked: "By the way, Taylor, what's become of your Andersonville prisoner?" Taylor told McKinley what Fred was doing and added: "He ought to be remembered." The other day Fred Hoisington, of Champaign county, ex-private Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was appointed appraiser of abandoned mineral operations, at \$8 a day and expenses. Sam Taylor was here today and told the story.

Warren B. Hoisington grew up on the home farm in Rush township, and attended the local district schools, later taking a commercial course at Oberlin. He remained on the home farm with his parents until his marriage on June 28, 1877, to Eliza Lepert, who was born at North Lewisburg, this county, a daughter of C. B. and Elizabeth (Davis) Lepert, who came to Champaign county from one of the Eastern states. Mr. Lepert was a carpenter and followed that trade for many years at North Lewisburg. He was born on February 10, 1817. His wife was born on November 19, 1821, and died on June 9, 1863.

Mr. Hoisington has always followed general farming and stock raising. He owns a well-kept and productive farm in Rush township, where he has made a comfortable living, having been on this farm, which consists of eighty-eighty and one-half acres, since 1877. His wife died on September 11, 1916, leaving one child, Edna, who was educated in the local public schools and the high school at Mechanicsburg, later attending the Normal School at Ada, Ohio, then the Normal School at Marion. She was court stenographer for Judge E. P. Middleton at Urbana for a period of ten years, her long reten-

tion indicating that her services were of a high order and not only ably but faithfully performed.

Politically, Mr. Hoisington is a Republican. He has served as trustee of Rush township, also as land appraiser and is at present assessor of his township. As a public servant he has given entire satisfaction to all concerned, being prompt and loyal to the best public interests.

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### VERSALINS S. MAGRUDER.

Versalins S. Magruder, an honored veteran of the Civil War, former corporation clerk of the city of Mechanicsburg and for years actively engaged in the insurance and loan business in that city, one of the best-known business men in that line in Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born in the house which stood on the site of his present office building in Mechanicsburg, May 22, 1846, son and only child of J. L. and Anna E. (Stafford) Magruder, who were among the best-known and most influential of the earlier residents of that then ambitious village.

J. L. Magruder, who at the time of his death in 1906 enjoyed the distinction of having been in business at Mechanicsburg longer than any other man there, was a Virginian. He was born at Magruder's Mills, east of the Shenandoah river, at the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains, in Clarke county, in the Old Dominion, August 29, 1817, son of Ninian and Elizabeth (Lyons) Magruder, the former of whom had settled there with his parents in 1775 and who spent the remainder of his life there, his death occurring in 1830. J. L. Magruder was thirteen years of age when his father died and when he was seventeen he came to Ohio in company with his brother-in-law, Emanuel Mayne, who settled at Springfield. Among the first efforts of the young man to gain a livelihood in his new home was the grubbing of the stumps from the first lot cleared on the townsite of the village of Vienna, east of Springfield. He then drove an ox-team and assisted in the difficult task of grubbing and clearing out the right-of-way of the National road in the vicinity of Springfield. In the following fall he made arrangements with Abner Riddle, of West Liberty, to learn the saddle and harness-making trade. After an apprenticeship of four years at that trade and after working as a journeyman at the same for a year, he located at Rushville, in Fairfield county, where his mother then was residing, and started

a small shop in that village. Not long afterward, however, he received a letter from his old employer at West Liberty containing an offer of a partnership in the latter's business at Mechanicsburg, which he at once gladly accepted. Later he engaged in business for himself. April 25, 1841, he married Ann E. Stafford, of West Liberty, and established his home in Mechanicsburg, where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1867 Mr. Magruder took his only son, V. S. Magruder, into partnership with him, under the firm name of J. L. Magruder & Son, and that mutually agreeable arrangement continued until in the spring of 1903, when the younger Magruder engaged in the insurance business. J. L. Magruder was engaged in the harness and saddlery trade for the long period of seventy-one years, sixty-two years of which time was spent in business at Mechanicsburg. During all that time his place of business was on the one lot, the site of the present office building of his son, V. S. Magruder. J. L. Magruder died on November 8, 1906, he then being in the ninetieth year of his age, active in business to the very last.

Reared at Mechanicsburg, V. S. Magruder received his schooling there and was living there when the Civil War broke out. On May 2, 1864, he, then being twenty days under eighteen years of age, enlisted in the hundred-day service and went to the front as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He then proceeded from Cumberland, Maryland, to Petersburg, Virginia, being mustered out at Columbus, this state, in the following September. For some time before going to the front he had been serving as deputy postmaster at Mechanicsburg, under Postmaster J. W. Legge, but upon the completion of his military service did not re-enter the postoffice service, entering school instead. On April 10, 1867, he was made a partner of his father in the harness and saddlery business at Mechanicsburg, under the firm name of J. L. Magruder & Son, and continued thus engaged until on May 1, 1903. At that time he began giving more attention to the insurance and loan business which he had started in 1901, at that same site, though continuing connected with his father's business for nearly two years thereafter. He has ever since been actively engaged in the insurance and loan business, having built up a wide connection in that line throughout this and neighboring counties. Mr. Magruder is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs. For nearly fifteen years he served as corporation clerk of the city of Mechanicsburg and for three years as a member of the board of directors of the city schools. In other ways he has also done well

his part in promoting the public service in his home town, ever helpful in advancing all causes designed to further the common welfare.

On December 30, 1870, at Mechanicsburg, V. S. Magruder was united in marriage to Anna Horr, daughter of William and Mary (Cone) Horr, of that city, and to this union one child has been born a son, Dr. James William Magruder, who is now engaged in the insurance and loan business with his father at Mechanicsburg. Doctor Magruder is a graduate of the Mechanicsburg high school, the Ohio Wesleyan University and of the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati. For nine years after receiving his diploma he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Peru, Indiana, and spent the winter of 1905-06 in Florida. In the following summer he returned to his old home at Mechanicsburg and has ever since been engaged there in business with his father, relieving the latter of much of the detail work of the office. On December 30, 1915, the forty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of his parents, Doctor Magruder was united in marriage to Alice M. Goode, of Wyoming, this state; the marriage being a happy culmination of a college romance.

The Magruders have a very pleasant home at Mechanicsburg and have ever given their earnest attention to the general social and cultural activities of their home town. V. S. Magruder has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mechanicsburg since he was thirteen years of age and was for a number of years the leader of the choir in that church, both he and his wife ever taking an active interest in church affairs and other local good works. Mr. Magruder is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also affiliated with the encampment of that order and with the Daughters of Rebekah. For twenty-five years he served as financial secretary of the Odd Fellow lodge and for twenty-five or twenty-six years served as a member of the board of trustees of the same, ever interested in promoting the cause of the order throughout this part of the state. A lifelong resident of Mechanicsburg, Mr. Magruder has been a witness to and a participant in the development of that town from the days of his early boyhood, and during his long and active life has contributed no small part to that development. For more than three score years and ten he has lived in Mechanicsburg and there is probably no one in the town more intimately acquainted with the history of the place than he, his vivid recollection of events through all these years proving a veritable mine of information regarding the history of that part of the county.



## CARL BODEY.

One of the native-born sons of Champaign county and a life-long resident of the farm where he is now living three and one-half miles north of St. Paris, Ohio, in Johnson township, is Carl Bodey, who was born on this farm where he now resides on August 21, 1873, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Vincent) Bodey.

Henry Bodey was also born on the same farm, the son of Adam Bodey, a native of Virginia, who came to these parts in an early day, making the original Bodey settlement in Johnson township. Adam Bodey is a descendant of a Bodey who came to the United States as a Hessian soldier during the Revolutionary War. Adam Bodey married Mary Brubaker, a native of Champaign county, Ohio, of German descent, the daughter of Samuel and Barbara Brubaker, the former of whom was born April 27, 1784, and the latter on October 8, 1786. The Johnson family first cleared and developed the farm which Carl Bodey now owns, and here Mary Brubaker was born and reared, and settled after her marriage to Adam Bodey. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom are now deceased: Hannah, Daniel, Rebecca, Samuel, Henry, Mary, Isaac, Barbara and Ellen. After his marriage to Elizabeth Vincent, Henry Bodey settled on the old home place, having purchased the rights of the other heirs. They were the parents of six children: Etta, the wife of Charles Pence, residents of Redmond, Washington; Lottie, deceased; Carl, the immediate subject of this sketch; Emmet A., formerly a farmer of Johnson township, this county; Annie, of Seattle, Washington, and Mary, deceased. The mother of these children died when young, but her husband remained single, and lived on the homestead farm with his children until his death on May 8, 1906. He was a quiet, unassuming man, attending strictly to his own affairs, and well liked and highly esteemed among those who knew him well and intimately.

Carl Bodey grew up on the home farm where he was born, receiving his education in the district schools of the township. Early in his life he decided to follow the vocation of his forefathers, and he has one hundred acres of the old home place. It is safe to say that there is no farmer in the county who has made more of a success than Mr. Bodey in his chosen work, for he is modern and up-to-date in his methods of agriculture. He specializes in the growing of wheat, and grew enough of this cereal on his farm to pay for it. He is said to have the banner wheat farm in Champaign county, having had one crop which averaged forty-two and one-half



bushels to the acre, his farm never yielding less than twenty-eight to thirty bushels to the acre. Moreover, he raises some stock-grade cattle, and he has an excellent bank-barn, forty-eight by seventy, which he erected in 1910.

On March 23, 1893, Carl Bodey was married to Minnie Ammon, and to this union four children were born: Blanche, born November, 1895, now living in Urbana; Ruth, born October, 1897; Ilo, born April 14, 1899, and Paul, born April 23, 1901, died January 25, 1903. The mother of these children died on December 31, 1903, and on March 29, 1910, Mr. Bodey was united in marriage to Eva Maude Buroker, the daughter of Ephraim and Teresa (Ammon) Buroker. To this union one son has been born, Carl Jr., who is now a student in school. Mrs. Bodey's mother is the widow of Harley B. Counts, whom she married February 22, 1894. After their marriage they lived on a farm in Miami county, Ohio, but later moved to a farm in Adams township, this county, where Mr. Count's death occurred, April 13, 1905. One son was born to this union, Forest, born August 29, 1895. He is a graduate of Rosewood high school, and is now attending Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio. Mrs. Bodey was reared in the faith of the United Brethren church, while Mr. Bodey retains his membership in the Baptist church. He is a Democrat in politics, taking a proper interest in all local political affairs, and all movements having for their object the betterment of his township and community, have his warm support.

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#### EDWARD TURNER.

Scattered here and there on farms over Ohio and other states are men originally from the British Isles who came to our republic in order to find greater opportunities for agricultural pursuits. One such in Champaign county is Edward Turner of Rush township, who was born in England, March 10, 1840. He was a son of Edmond and Martha (Freeman) Turner, both natives of England, where they grew up, married and resided until 1848 when they brought their family to America, locating at Watkins, Union county, Ohio. There the father worked in a pottery a short time, then rented a farm near Marysville, that county, which he operated a number of years, then located on a larger place and continued farming in Union county until his death. His family consisted of seven children, four of whom are living at this time, Edward being the only one in Champaign county.

Edward Turner, of this review, was eight years old when his parents brought him to the United States. He attended the common schools in England and in Union county, Ohio. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted from Marysville, Union county, to fight for the integrity of his adopted country, serving three years. He assisted his father on the farm until his marriage, then rented a farm, in fact, continued renting in Union and Madison counties until 1882, when he moved to Champaign county. He first located in Goshen township, where he engaged in farming about twelve years, then bought a farm of eighty-five acres in Rush township, and there he continued general farming and stock raising until 1915. At that time he retired from active life and moved to Mechanicsburg, where he is still making his home.

On February 23, 1865, Mr. Turner married Sarah Parthemer, a native of Marysville, Union county, Ohio, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Shuster) Parthemer, both of whom were of Pennsylvania-Dutch parentage, born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and who came to Union county, Ohio, in 1839.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Turner, namely: Hattie, Elmer, Charles, Arthur, Walter, Fred and Frank, who are twins, Howard, who is deceased and one who died in infancy. All the living children are married except one, Fred.

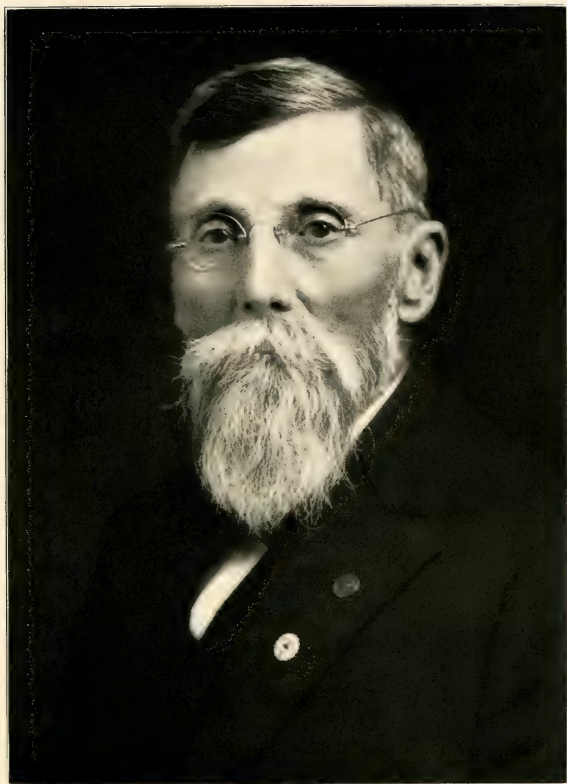
Politically, Mr. Turner is a Republican. While living on the farm, he served as road supervisor. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### JOSEPH L. WREN.

Joseph L. Wren, now a retired farmer, owner of land in Logan county and in Harrison township, this county, was born in Harrison township on February 17, 1842. He is the son of Joseph M. and Lucy (Davis) Wren, both of whom were born near Mechanicsburg, this county. They went to the same school, knew each other from early childhood and were married in the place of their birth.

Joseph M. Wren had moved to Harrison township previous to 1842. He lived in that place until 1880, when he changed his residence to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and in that city he kept a hotel for some years. On giving up the hotel he moved to Bloomingdale and occupied a little farm near Ft.



JOSEPH L. WREN



Wayne, where he spent his last days. His remains were brought to Union township, Logan county, Ohio, where the interment took place. J. M. Wren and his wife were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are deceased, the two living ones being Anna, the wife of William Cooper, of Springfield, Ohio, and Joseph L., the subject of this sketch. Joseph M. Wren was a Universalist in religious belief.

Joseph L. Wren was educated in the common schools of his home district and in early life commenced work on a farm, at which he continued up to the outbreak of the Civil War. He then joined the Union forces and enlisted in Company G, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on August 15, 1862, with which command he served for some time. This company mobilized at Camp Chase and six weeks after they enlisted had their first engagement at Richmond, Kentucky, where they were attacked by the rebel general, Kirby Smith, with a force of twenty-five thousand men. Mr. Wren's whole regiment—the Ninety-fifth—were captured except three hundred men. With seven thousand Union men they fought the rebels all day and then were captured. Mr. Wren, through the leadership of a Major Brock of Kentucky, with three hundred men (Mr. Wren included), escaped. They had all volunteered to defend a bayonet charge and followed the channel of a creek to Boonsboro, where they crossed the Kentucky and away from the rebels. After the regiment was paroled and exchanged, it went to Memphis, Tennessee, and engaged in the campaign along the Mississippi for a year, then went into Missouri, chasing General Price for fifteen hundred miles. They fought at the siege of Vicksburg and were also at the three-days battle of Nashville. Mr. Wren later was transferred to the Sixteenth Army Corps, commanded by General A. J. Smith, and served to the close of the war. During the period of his service he spent five months in the hospital owing to illness. On the close of his military service, and after he had recuperated, he returned to Champaign county and settled down to the life of a farmer.

On April 9, 1868, by the Rev. Alexander Tillard, at the home place of the bride's parents, Joseph L. Wren was united in marriage to Martha A. Cooper, who was born in Clark county, Ohio, on December 23, 1846. She was the daughter of Sample and Mary (Eaches) Cooper and came with her parents when nine years old to Champaign county. Some years later they went to Pennsylvania and lived with grandparents until the close of the war, when they returned to this county and settled on the old farm, where they continued to live up to the time of their daughter's marriage.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wren seven children were born, five of whom are now living, namely: Sample C., of Bellefontaine; Sadie, who is deceased; Joseph, a farmer in Logan county, this state; Harry, a farmer, also of Logan county; Will, deceased; James A., living in DeGraff, this county, and Lucy, who is the wife of Ernest Harbor. Mr. Wren, his wife and the members of his family are earnest adherents of the Presbyterian church at Spring hill, of which congregation he is an elder. Mr. Wren is also interested in the Sunday school attached to the church and has been a teacher in the same for several years. He is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is an ardent Republican and for some years was treasurer of Harrison township. Mr. Wren owns one hundred and fifty-three acres in Logan county and thirty-eight acres in Harrison township, this county.

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#### THOMAS W. CRIM.

Thomas W. Crim, a well-known retired farmer and school teacher of Champaign county, an honored veteran of the Civil War, for thirty-five years assessor of Goshen township and for many years a member of the school board of that township, now living at Mechanicsburg, where he and his family are very comfortably situated, is a native of the Old Dominion, but has been a resident of this county since he was twenty-one years of age. He was born on a farm in Loudoun county, Virginia, May 29, 1842, son of William and Cecelia (White) Crim, both of whom also were born in that county and who spent all their lives on their farm there. The former died at the age of seventy-six years and the latter at the age of seventy. They were the parents of eight children, those besides Thomas W. Crim, being as follow: Mary E., deceased; John Wesley, who is still living in Loudoun county, Virginia; Susan N., deceased; Samuel Randolph, deceased; Trenton Jackson, deceased; Benjamin F., of Loudoun county, and Dollie Jane, of that same county.

Reared on the home farm in his native county, Thomas W. Crim remained there until he was twenty-one years of age. In the meantime he had fitted himself as a school teacher and taught two terms in his native state until the schools were closed on account of the war. He then left Virginia and came to Ohio to escape being drafted into the rebel army, settling in Champaign county, April 16, 1863. In the fall of that year he was married. On May 2, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Union army



during the continuance of the Civil War and was sent to Cumberland, Maryland, as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Not long after entering the service, Mr. Crim became very ill with a combination of measles and typhoid fever and for some time lay at the point of death in the United States government hospital, and in October, 1864, received his honorable discharge from service on a physician's certificate of disability. Upon receiving his discharge he returned home and resumed farming in Goshen township and resided on his farm there until 1907, when he retired from active agricultural pursuits and moved to Mechanicsburg, where he and his family are now living. Mr. Crim is an ardent Republican and for more than thirty-five years served as assessor of Goshen township. He also was a school director for many years and in other ways did his part as a good citizen in the work of promoting his home community's best interests. Mr. Crim is the owner of a well-improved place of fifteen acres in Goshen township and has four acres surrounding his pleasant home in Mechanicsburg. In addition to his other activities, Mr. Crim has for fifty years been clerk for the public sales of the vicinity. Undoubtedly he has served the public in this capacity more than any other man in Champaign county.

It was on November 12, 1863, that Thomas W. Crim was united in marriage to Mary E. Evans, who was born in Goshen township, this county, January 27, 1844, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Myers) Evans, both of whom were born in Loudoun county, Virginia, Mr. Crim's birth-place, and who came to this county in 1836 and settled in Goshen township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Samuel Evans was a farmer and cooper and became one of the best-known men in Goshen township. He died in 1907. His wife had preceded him to the grave about a year, her death having occurred in 1906. They were members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom Mrs. Crim was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: William L., a retired farmer, now living at Mechanicsburg; Jacob T., now living at North Lewisburg; Sarah Alice, who married L. Lyons and who is, as her husband, now deceased; James S., of Mechanicsburg, and Melvina, who married John O. Bolton and is now deceased.

To Thomas W. and Mary E. (Evans) Crim six children have been born, namely: Ella, wife of James Woolford, of Urbana; William Burton, who married Kate Woodward and is now district superintendent of schools in several townships; Elnora C., wife of Evan Perry, of Goshen township;

Magdalena, at home; Samuel E., who married Minerva Goul and is now engaged in the grocery business, and the youngest child, a daughter, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Crim are members of the Methodist Protestant church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works of their home town and the community at large. Mr. Crim is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and takes an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

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### JAMES S. EVANS.

James S. Evans, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Goshen township, this county, now living at Mechanicsburg, was born in that township on June 17, 1852, son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Myers) Evans, natives of Virginia and useful pioneers of this county, who settled in Rush township upon coming here and later moved to Goshen township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, both living to ripe old ages.

Samuel Evans grew to manhood in Virginia, his native state, and was there married. Almost immediately after their marriage, he and his wife drove through to this county, the journey requiring almost three weeks. Upon coming here Samuel Evans bought a farm of one hundred acres in Rush township and lived there for a few years, at the end of which time he sold that place and moved to the adjoining township of Goshen, where he bought another hundred-acre farm and there established his home, and became a quite well-to-do farmer. He was at one time constable of Goshen township. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant church. She died in 1904, at the age of eighty-eight, and his death occurred the next year, when he was ninety-two years of age. Both were cared for until their deaths by their son, James S. Evans. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, William, Jesse, Esther, Jacob, Sarah, James and Melvin.

James S. Evans was reared on the home farm in Goshen township and received his early education in the schools of that neighborhood. From the days of his boyhood he was a valuable assistant in the labors of developing and improving the home place and after finishing his schooling continued farming with his father. He was thus engaged until the latter's death, when he took over the home farm, a well-improved place of one hundred and ten acres. As he continued to prosper he added to his holdings

until he became the owner of one hundred and eighty acres, and was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising there until his retirement from active labors on the farm, and removal to Mechanicsburg, where he is now living. Mr. Evans is a Republican and has ever taken a proper interest in political affairs, but has not been a seeker after office.

On January 8, 1914, J. S. Evans was united in marriage to Hulda Freeman, who also was born in Goshen township, this county, a daughter of John H. and Emeline (Romine) Freeman, the former of whom also was born in that township and the latter in the neighboring county of Madison. John H. Freeman, who was born in 1839, was for twenty years a school teacher in this county, having started teaching in 1856 and continuing in the profession until 1876, when he started farming. He remained a farmer until 1884, when he retired and moved to Mechanicsburg. His wife, who also was born in 1839, died in 1903, and he is now making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Evans at Mechanicsburg. To John H. Freeman and wife were born five children, those besides Mrs. Evans being Josephine, Mary Elsie, Rebecca A., and Ethel Gayle Bowen.

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### THE WARE FAMILY.

Joseph Ware came from England in 1715 and purchased five hundred acres of land near Salem, New Jersey. Jacob Ware, his grandson married Sarah Read, and was the father of Jacob Read Ware, who was born October 8, 1806, and Anna Read Ware was their only daughter. These two children with their mother and stepfather, French Rambo, moved to Ohio in 1818 and settled on Kings creek. In 1820 Jacob R. Ware helped drive a herd of beef cattle to Philadelphia, walking the entire distance there and back. He used to say that the happiest day of his life was when, on his return from this trip, he jumped the low rail fence in front of his mother's cabin and rushed into her arms.

In 1823 the Ware family moved to Springfield, Ohio, where Jacob R. Ware received most of his schooling. In 1825 he and his stepfather brought an old stock of goods from Springfield to Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, and there engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1834 Mr. Ware and Solomon McCorkle opened a store on the southeast corner of lot No. 11, the site of the little log store room, the first building erected in the corporation of Mechanicsburg. The site is now occupied by the store of

Boulton & Ware. At the end of ten years, Ware and McCorkle had made ten thousand dollars each. Mr. Ware, foreseeing the sure increase in realty values invested his money in land costing from eight to fifteen dollars an acre. The land being brushy and undrained, sheep were used to browse in the underbrush and in this way he grew to be an extensive dealer in sheep and wool. He concentrated his efforts in accumulating land, saying that his children could improve it. His youngest son, Joseph Ware, took charge of the lands in 1875 and has cleared, drained and managed them in such a way that they have been brought up to a high state of improvement and now give but little indication of their primitive condition.

Jacob R. Ware was united in marriage to Amira Wallace, a descendant of Sir William Wallace, in 1829. Three of their six children are living, namely: Mrs. Anna Sabine, of Cambridge, Massachusetts; Mrs. Emma Burnham, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and Joseph Ware, also of Mechanicsburg. There are seven grandchildren, as follows: Wallace C. Sabine, a professor in Harvard University; Mrs. Anna Ware Siebert, a distinguished miniature painter and wife of a professor in the Ohio State University; Thomas B. Ware, an attorney; Mrs. Enid Ware Foster, also an attorney; Whittier Burnham, assistant cashier of the Farmers Bank at Mechanicsburg; Rolla Burnham, a traveling salesman; and Archie W. Burnham, a photographer at Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ware, both of whom had strong convictions and stood true to their principles, were very public-spirited and were such people as reformers are made of. They were ardent abolitionists and kept one of the stations on the underground railroad in slavery times. Later they entered with the same zeal into the temperance movement. Mr. Ware may properly be called the father of the free public school system in Mechanicsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Ware were almost life-long members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Jacob Ware died in 1881, and Jacob Ware passed away in 1904 at the very unusual age of ninety-seven and one-half years.

Joseph Ware was born in 1841 and he is still active and robust, remarkable for his physical strength and endurance. Notwithstanding the care of the large estate, he has found time to enter into all the public movements of the times, having superintended the Methodist Protestant Sunday school in his home city for a period of fifty-six years without an interval. He inherited a taste for literature and is the author of a number of books, "The Divine Man," "Links of Gold," "Love's Decision," and poems, "My Star," "My Heaven," "The Voyager," and many other shorter writings. In recognition of his literary work, the degrees of Doctor of Literature by Potomac

University, and Master of Arts by the Kansas City University, have been conferred upon him.

In 1862 Joseph Ware was united in marriage with Josephine Jones, a daughter of Dr. Thomas Jones. To this union two children were born, namely: Thomas B. Ware, a prominent and well-known attorney of Champaign county; and Mrs. Enid Ware Foster. There are also two grandchildren, Ferryl and Joseph Ware Foster.

All members of the Ware family are public-spirited and interested in everything for the betterment of their community.

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### WILLIAM J. SARVER.

William J. Sarver, one of Harrison township's well-known and substantial farmers and the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres four miles southwest of West Liberty, on rural mail route No. 1, out of that city, was born on a farm in Concord township, this county, July 4, 1870, eldest child of Jacob S. and Etna (Johnson) Sarver. He was but two years of age when his parents moved from Concord township to Harrison township, where he has lived ever since.

Reared on the home farm in Harrison township, William J. Sarver received his education in the neighborhood schools and remained at home, a valued assistant in the labors of developing and improving the home place, until his marriage in the fall of 1896, when he was twenty-six years of age. He then began farming on his own account in Harrison township and in 1902 located on the farm he now owns in that township. Since then he has made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. In addition to his home farm of a quarter of a section of fine land, Mr. Sarver is the owner of a "forty" in Concord township and is regarded as one of the leading farmers in that part of the county, carrying on his farming operations in accordance with modern methods. He has a fine, up-to-date farm plant.

On November 25, 1896, William J. Sarver was united in marriage to Queen E. Idle, who was born in Concord township, this county, May 21, 1874, daughter of Thomas B. and Eliza J. (Journell) Idle, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in Concord township on June 3, 1851, and the latter in Johnson township, November 22, 1850. Thomas B. Idle was a substantial farmer of Concord township and was one of the best-known citizens of that part of the county. He died on August 8,

1915, and his widow is still living. To them four children were born, those besides Mrs. Sarver being Cora E., wife of Alva Stayman, of Concord township; Theodore J., also of that township, and Walter W., a mechanic living at St. Paris, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Sarver have four living children, Blanche, born on November 9, 1900, who was graduated from the common schools in 1917; Harold J., April 10, 1903; Ivan W., December 13, 1905, and Ruby F., September 3, 1913. The Sarvers are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the affairs of which they take a proper interest. Fraternally, Mr. Sarver is a member of Crayon Lodge, No. 392, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the affairs of which organization he takes an active interest. Politically, he is a Republican, but has never taken a particularly active part in political affairs. Mrs. Sarver was graduated from the business department of the National Normal School at Lebanon and for a year, before her marriage taught school, and has ever taken an interested part in the general social and cultural activities of her neighborhood.

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### JOHN W. KISER.

There have been many men born in Champaign county who have achieved distinction in some particular line. There have been men high in army and navy circles, eminent men in political affairs, bankers, musicians, artists, and men prominent in many other lines of activity, but in the field of finance there is one figure which so far overshadows all others that there is no comparison. This man, a native of Champaign county, was the late John W. Kiser. To have started in with nothing and build up a fortune of eight millions is but one of the features of the life of this man, but the fact that he did it is sufficient evidence that he was a man of extraordinary ability.

John W. Kiser, one of the financial leaders of Chicago for several years prior to his death, was born in Johnson township, Champaign county, Ohio, June 20, 1857, and died at the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, October 31, 1916. He was a son of George R. and Margaret (McVay) Kiser, early settlers in Champaign county, and residents of the county at the time of their death.

George R. Kiser was born in Shelby county, Ohio, December 10, 1829, a son of Nicholas and Margaret (Kiser) Kiser, natives, respectively, of Tennessee and Pennsylvania. Nicholas Kiser died in 1843, leaving his widow with twelve children. The widow lived until her eightieth year. Of these





J. W. Kiser



twelve children—one had died before the death of the father—all reached maturity but one, and ten of the number married. George R. Kiser, the seventh child and the fourth son, started out to make his way in the world at the age of sixteen, and at the time of his death was one of the wealthiest men in Champaign county. He was first a farm hand, later operated a saw-mill, then engaged in the buying and shipping of livestock—all in Johnson township, this county. He located in St. Paris in 1866 and lived there until 1875, when he moved to one of his farms near Millerstown in the same township. In 1886 he returned to St. Paris, where he lived until his death. His estate included about twelve hundred acres, two hundred in Shelby county and the remainder in Champaign county. He was married in 1856 to Margaret McVay, a daughter of William and Susan (Stockton) McVay. George R. Kiser and wife had two children, twins, John William and Mary Belle.

John W. Kiser received his early education in the school of St. Paris and later was graduated from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, in 1884. Marrying the same year, he located in Springfield and got his first business experience as a special collector for Reinhardt, Ballard & Company, of that city. Later he became collector for the Springfield Thresher Company, being placed on the road and given charge of the collections of several states. He next associated himself with the Chandler-Robbins Sewing Machine Company, of Chicago, and it was while with that company that he conceived the idea of going into the manufacturing business for himself.

The next step in his career took him to Chicago, the city of opportunity. He arrived in the city in 1889, full of enthusiasm, and with five years of practical experience behind him. He continued in the sewing-machine business for three years, meanwhile keeping his eyes open for an opportunity to engage in some manufacturing venture of his own. In the early nineties the bicycle craze struck the country and Mr. Kiser felt that here was his opportunity—and so it proved.

In 1892 he organized the Monarch Bicycle Company in Chicago and soon made it one of the strongest and largest bicycle companies in the world. The money rolled in as his wheels rolled, in ever increasing thousands, up and down the highways of the entire world. When the business began to show signs of waning he had the shrewdness to know when to dispose of his interests in it, and thus he averted the financial disaster of many other bicycle manufacturers who could not see the handwriting on the wall.

Mr. Kiser's next venture was in the field of horseshoe manufacturing.

The Phoenix Horseshoe Company had already been organized, its main mills being at Poughkeepsie, New York, and Joliet, Illinois. When he became identified with this company in 1902 the main stockholder was E. H. Miller, but within five years Mr. Kiser was controlling most of the stock and in 1907 became president of the company. At the same time the capital stock was increased to three million dollars, and within a short time Mr. Kiser was practically the sole owner of the company. In 1910 he secured control of the Cincinnati Horseshoe and Iron Company and maintained his connection with this company until his death, continuing in active charge of his extensive business interests until a short time before his death.

Mr. Kiser never forgot his old home in Champaign county, and he liked to spend as much of each summer as possible in St. Paris. There he built one of the finest homes in the state of Ohio in 1912, a home which was always open to the friends of his boyhood days. This home is pointed out as one of the most beautiful in the state, not only as regards its external features, but also because of its beautiful appointments within. Mr. Kiser was a man of rare tastes and liked to surround himself with beautiful things. In 1915 Mr. Kiser bought a fine country home at Port Chester, New York, about thirty miles from New York City. He intended to make it his permanent summer home, but when he became seriously ill, he sold it. He also built a fine home in Chicago, at 3357 Michigan avenue, but the encroachments of business caused him to give it up as a residence. After closing his home Mr. Kiser and his wife went to New York City, where they leased an apartment at the Ritz-Carlton, but the increasing seriousness of Mr. Kiser's condition caused them to return to St. Paris. They remained in St. Paris for four months and then went to Chicago and made their home at the newly opened Blackstone Hotel. Mr. Kiser was under the care of the best obtainable medical talent, but he lived only a few months after he and his wife returned to Chicago.

One of John W. Kiser's favorite recreations was farming. He bought so much land in Champaign and adjoining counties that his Chicago friends were always joking him about buying the whole state of Ohio. At any rate, his land holdings were so extensive that he was described in Chicago papers after his death as the "owner of counties." In addition to being president of the largest horseshoe manufacturing company in the world and having hundreds of acres of valuable land to look after, Mr. Kiser also was interested in a number of other business enterprises in which he had large holdings. He was a director of the First National Bank of Chicago and a large

stockholder in the Miehle Press & Manufacturing Company, of Chicago. His vast estate at the time of his death was estimated at eight millions, all of which is now in the competent hands of his only son, John W. Kiser, Jr.

John W. Kiser was married in 1884, the year of his graduation from college, to Thyrza W. Furrow, daughter of Ezra H. Furrow, the first large merchant of St. Paris. She was born in St. Paris, June 29, 1858. They were the parents of two sons: John W., Jr., and Furrow John. The latter was killed accidentally on April 29, 1902. John W. Kiser, Jr., was born on June 10, 1889, in Chicago. He received his education in the public schools; Howard school, of Chicago; Lawrenceville school, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; University High school, Chicago; University of Chicago, and was graduated from Yale University in 1915 with the degree of Ph. B. He at once actively took charge of his father's business. Although young in years, he had already had sufficient experience to enable him to take up the management of the wonderful business which his father had developed. He has already shown business capacity which indicates that he will be a worthy follower of his father in the field of finance. He is now president of the Phoenix Horseshoe Company and a director in the Miehle Printing Press and Manufacturing Company, Chicago, and also a director in the First National Bank of St. Paris, Ohio. He makes his home in New York City.

The private life of John W. Kiser was without a blemish. Devoted to his family, he was loved by his business associates as a friend to whom they could always turn for assistance. When the news of his death was received at his offices at 209 South LaSalle street, there was the most profound sorrow at his passing. His religion was the simple, unostentatious kind, but none the less sincere. In politics he was an independent Democrat, and as a member of the city council in Chicago for two terms he made a good record in behalf of his constituency. He was a member of the following clubs: Union League, Chicago Athletic, Mid-day, Glen View, South Shore, Country and Chicago Gold Club, at Chicago; the Blind Brook Country Club, New York; the Automobile Club of America, the Ohio Society of New York and the Chicago Historical Society.

Such, in brief, is the career of Champaign county's most famous financier. But he was more than a mere maker of money. He was loyal to his home county as long as he lived; he was loyal to those friends of his who were less fortunate. In all things he lived a large life, a life in which he tried to the best of his ability to make those around him happier. His life is ended on earth, but the good things he did, the kind words he said,

will remain as a heritage to those with whom he was associated in life. Champaign county is proud to honor him as one of its most illustrious citizens.

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### GRANVILLE M. BOTKIN.

The efforts of Granville M. Botkin as a tiller of the soil having been amply rewarded, he is now spending his declining years in leisure in Mechanicsburg. He was born, February 29, 1840, in Pleasant township, Clark county, Ohio, ten miles east of Springfield. He is a son of Abraham and Sarah (Wilkinson) Botkin. The father was born, October 15, 1808 in Clark county, this state, devoted his life to farming, and died, June 13, 1898. The mother was born in Champaign county, Ohio, on March 17, 1808, and died May 29, 1876. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while Mr. Botkin belonged to the Methodist Protestant church. He was a stanch Republican. Eight children were born to Abraham Botkin and wife: George, now deceased, who served three years in the Civil War in Company C, First Kentucky Volunteer Infantry; William, who was also a soldier in the Civil War, a member of Company K, Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, died in Andersonville prison; Wallace, who served in the same company and regiment with William in the Union army and was killed in the battle of Nashville, Tennessee; Elizabeth; Granville M., of this sketch; Joseph, who served four years during the Civil War in Company F, Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and lives in Mexico, Missouri; Lycurgus, who served one year in the Eightieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and lives in Centralia, Missouri; and Eliza, the youngest child, who makes her home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Granville M. Botkin received only a limited education in the public schools, and he lived with his parents until they died. After the death of his mother he moved to Mechanicsburg, Champaign county in 1876, where his parents had moved a year before. There the father died. Mr. Botkin was married, January 14, 1909, to Mrs. Louisa Henry, of Clark county, Ohio. She is a daughter of William and Nellie (Cook) Roach, both natives of Wyoming county, West Virginia. The death of the father occurred in Clark county, Ohio.

Granville M. Botkin has always engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he followed with success in Clark county, Ohio, until 1876, when he moved to Champaign county, and has since lived in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg.



On May 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, from Clark county. He was sent into West Virginia, where he participated in several skirmishes. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Protestant church. His grandfather, George Botkin, was a son of Charles Botkin, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

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### JOHN T. EVILSIZOR.

John T. Evilsizor, farmer of Urbana township, Champaign county, was born in Jackson township, this county, November 6, 1852. He is a son of Squire and Christiana (Comer) Evilsizor, natives of the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, from which locality they came to Champaign county, Ohio, when young with their parents. Here they grew to maturity and were married, locating on a farm near St. Paris. At first Squire Evilsizor worked out as a farm hand, but later he farmed for himself, finally moving to Urbana township, where he died in Fremont City at the advanced age of eight-four years, and his wife at the age of seventy-nine years. They were members of the Hickory Grove church. The father was first a Whig and later a Republican. To Squire and Christiana Evilsizor eleven children were born, namely: Mary, the wife of James Dye, the former of Marion county, Ohio, but later of Nebraska, where her death occurred; Solomon who was a farmer in Urbana township, this county, died in 1915; Rebecca, who first married Joseph Bisseth of Pennsylvania, and secondly Joshua Zerkle, both are now deceased; Lewis, who served in the Civil War, established his home in Fremont City, Ohio; Eliza, wife of John Fanning, Westville, Ohio; John T., of this sketch; Isaac, a farmer in Clark county, Ohio; Sarah, who married Andrew Shafer, of Quincy, Ohio; Rose Etta, wife of Thomas Nitchman, of Terre Haute, Ohio; Charles Wesley, retired farmer of Fremont City, this state; and Jasper, who died in infancy.

John T. Evilsizor grew up on the home farm and received a limited education in the public schools, being compelled to go two and one-half miles through the woods to the school house in his district. He helped his father on the home place until he was twenty-one years of age, then worked for Christopher Metz in Urbana township for a period of twenty-four years. In 1872 he married Permetta Metz, a daughter of John and Martha Metz, who were pioneer farmers of Champaign county. Their family con-

sisted of eight children, namely: Permetta, the wife of John T. Evilsizor; Kate, Letitia, Ellen, Emma, Edward, Otto and Richard.

Eight children were born to John T. Evilsizor and wife, namely: Frank, a farmer in Clark county, Ohio; Ida, the wife of Alfred Garard, of Springfield, Ohio; Carrie, who married Worden Hupp, of Fremont City, this state; Walter, living in Urbana township, Champaign county; Clarence, at home, a farmer and railroad man; Lottie, wife of Philip Geron, of Clark county, Ohio; Christopher, at home; and Ethel, who married Fred Weimer, a farmer of Urbana township, this county.

The mother of the above named children died on January 6, 1913.

Politically, Mr. Evilsizor is a Republican. He is a member of the Junior Order of American United Mechanics. He has served as trustee of Urbana township for a period of nine years in an able and satisfactory manner. At present he resides on a farm in Urbana township, where he has lived forty-two years, his place consisting of ninety-three acres. He is well and favorably known throughout the county.

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### ISAAC P. YODER.

Isaac P. Yoder, owner of a fine farm of eighty-four acres in Harrison township, this county, two and one-half miles southwest of West Liberty, on rural mail route No. 1, out of that place, is a native of the old Keystone state, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his early manhood. He was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1853, son of the Rev. C. K. and Catherine (Plank) Yoder, natives of that same county, the former born on March 2, 1829, and the latter, October 13, 1830, who became residents of Logan county, this state, where their last days were spent.

The Rev. C. K. Yoder was a minister of the Mennonite faith, who came to Ohio with his family. After a sometime residence in Wayne county he moved, about 1874, to Logan county, where he established his home and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, the latter dying in 1896 and the former surviving until in May, 1911. They were the parents of eleven children, all of whom are living save one, John, who died at the age of seven years, the others besides Isaac P. Yoder being as follow: Levi, of Logan county; Malinda, wife of John J. King, of West Liberty; Samuel P., of Logan county; Nancy, wife of A. Y.

Hartzler, of West Liberty; Emma, wife of John W. Zook, also of West Liberty; Amos, of Logan county; Chris, of Toledo; Catherine, wife of Rudolph Yoder, of Portage county, this state, and Minnie, of West Liberty.

Isaac P. Yoder's boyhood was spent in Wayne county, Ohio, having come to that county when two years of age. His schooling, however, was completed in Logan county, this state, to which county his parents had moved in the days of his youth. His father owned a farm in that county and he grew up a trained farmer, continuing that occupation in that county after his marriage in 1879 until 1910. In that year he moved down into Champaign county and located on the farm of eighty-four acres in Harrison township, which he now owns and where he has since made his home, he and his family being very comfortably situated there. Mr. Yoder is a Republican, but has never given any particularly active attention to political affairs. He has a well-kept farm plant and is looked upon as one of the substantial farmers of his home community.

On January 29, 1878, in Logan county, this state, Isaac P. Yoder was united in marriage to Martha Kauffman, who was born in that county on August 27, 1857, and who was left without a mother when twelve years of age. To that union have been born twelve children, namely: Milton, born on January 5, 1879, formerly a high school teacher, now engaged in the lumber business at Belle Center; Katie, July 18, 1880, at home; Alta, October 19, 1882, wife of E. J. Hilty; Lewis, May 6, 1884, who was graduated from the high school and is now secretary and general manager of the "Farmers Equity" at Nampa, Idaho; John, October 9, 1885, who was graduated from the Grand Rapids Veterinary College and is now in the employ of the United States government, stationed at Lewiston, Louisiana; Fred, March 17, 1887, who is engaged in the lumber business at Lake View, this state; Elmer and Ellen (twins), January 21, 1889, both of whom were graduated from the West Liberty high school, the latter graduating from the Mennonite Normal College at Goshen, Indiana, and now a teacher in the West Mansfield high school, and the former of whom, still living at home, is a graduate auctioneer; Clara, January 5, 1890, also a graduate of the West Liberty high school, wife of J. O. King; Aquila, December 18, 1893, a graduate of the West Liberty high school and a former school teacher, who is now engaged in the lumber business; Mary M., February 13, 1895, a graduate of the West Liberty high school, who is now engaged in teaching school, and Mark, October 24, 1896, a graduate of the West Liberty high school, who is at home. The Yoders are members of the Mennonite church at West Liberty and have ever taken a proper part in

church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in many ways in promoting causes having to do with the advancement of the general welfare thereabout.

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### REV. GEORGE HICKEY.

The Rev. George Hickey, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church at Urbana, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Urbana since his appointment as pastor of St. Mary's in 1903. He was born at Glendale, a suburb of Cincinnati, in 1868, and received his elementary schooling in the Catholic parochial school of that place, upon completing the course in which he entered St. Francis Xavier College at Cincinnati, graduating in 1888. Having early consecrated his life to the priesthood he then, with the holy office in view, pursued his studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, being ordained in 1892. After his ordination he spent two years studying at the Catholic University.

In September, 1894, Father Hickey was appointed assistant to the pastor at St. Brigid's church, Xenia, this state. In 1895 he was appointed pastor of the church at Eaton and after two years of effective labor there, in 1897, was appointed pastor of the church at Milford, in Clermont county, where he remained until his appointment as pastor of the parish of St. Mary's at Urbana in 1903, since which time he has been a resident of Urbana and one of the best-known and most influential clergymen in that city.

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### GEORGE R. RANDALL.

A well known farmer in Urbana township, Champaign county, is George R. Randall, who was born in Mad River township, this county, June 18, 1861. He is a son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Preece) Randall. The father was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and the mother was born in Somersetshire, England. She was a daughter of James Preece, a native of England, from which country he brought his family to America about 1850, locating in Urbana, Ohio, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a butcher by trade. He first married Elizabeth Bacon, by whom he had only one child, Jenima, who came to this country with her father and married Richard LeMar, and they are now living in Urbana township on



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a farm. Later James Preece married Mrs. White, a widow from England, but this union was without issue.

Reuben Randall's father, Robert Randall, was a native of Maryland, from which state he went to Pennsylvania when young and married there, establishing his home in that state. Four of his children came to Champaign county, Ohio, namely: Reuben, mentioned above; Agnes, who married William Parlett, and they established their home on a farm west of Urbana; Ruth married Benjamin Bosley, and they reside in Concord township; Mary lives on North Main street, Urbana.

Reuben Randall was born in 1833. He received a limited education in the common schools of his day, but he was a self-taught man, becoming in time a good scholar by wide, miscellaneous home reading. He came to Champaign county, Ohio, with his parents about the year 1850. As a young man, he followed engineering and the saw-mill business, but in later life he was a farmer. His wife was born in 1830. They were members of Nettle Creek Baptist church. His death occurred at the age of seventy-five, and his wife's at the age of eighty. They were parents of five children. Mary E., deceased, remained single; George R., of this sketch; Jemima, died when seventeen years of age; James R., who married Alice Steinbarger, and they live at West Milton, Ohio; Edward L., who married Adella Fenton and is a farmer in Urbana township, this county.

George R. Randall grew to manhood on the home farm, and he attended the district schools. On December 27, 1887, he married Serepta Fenton, a native of Urbana township, this county, and a daughter of John and Emeline (Evilsizer) Fenton. Mr. Fenton was born in Clark county, Ohio, but he established his home in Champaign county, first living in Mad River township, then in Urbana township. He was always a farmer. During the Civil War he served in the Union army. His wife was born in Mad River township, Champaign county. They now reside in Urbana township. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fenton named as follows: Serepta, wife of Mr. Randall; Alonzo, who lives in Mad River township; William E., living in Union City, Indiana; Burton, deceased; Della, deceased; John, who lives in Coshocton county, Ohio; Olive, deceased.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall, named as follows: Reuben, who married Alta Russell, a farmer in Urbana township; Alonzo A., who married Eva Boyer and they live in Urbana; Emerson, who is in railroad service, living in Tremont, Ohio, and he married Edna Broadstone; Mary Ethel, wife of Fay Stillings, and they live in Oswego, New York; Mabel Emma, wife of Roy Brown, and they live

on a farm in Urbana township, this county; George Howard, who lives at home and assists with the farm work.

After his marriage George R. Randall located on a farm in Urbana township, spending the first year on the Knight farm. He then tilled the John Newell place one season, after which he operated the Brooks farm five years, then spent ten years on the McDonald farm. He bought his present farm in 1910, in Urbana township. It consists of fifty-seven acres, on which he is making a comfortable living. Politically, he is a Democrat, and his wife belongs to the United Brethren church.

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### P. J. BURNHAM.

P. J. Burnham, cashier of the Central Bank of Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, was born on a farm in Madison county, Ohio, on July 26, 1852. He received a common school education, which has been greatly supplemented in later years by contact with the world and by wide and miscellaneous home reading.

Mr. Burnham has been engaged in the banking business in Mechanicsburg for the past forty-two years, during which period he has done much toward the general upbuilding of the town and is one of the best known and influential men in Champaign county's financial circles. He first entered the Farmers Bank, and after ten years' faithful service with that institution, he resigned and was appointed assignee of the Mechanicsburg Machine Company. After settling up the business of this firm in a manner satisfactory to all concerned, he organized the Central Bank of Mechanicsburg and has been its cashier for the past twenty-seven years. The bank which is one of the most popular in this section of Ohio, has had a steady and satisfactory growth owing to his judicious counsel and management of its affairs. It has weathered a number of panics and stormy periods in the financial world successfully with Mr. Burnham at the helm. A general banking business is carried on and the bank has a modernly equipped home where everything is managed under the most approved twentieth-century banking methods.

Mr. Burnham has been very successful in a business way and is one of the substantial men of the eastern part of Champaign county. He is financially interested in the leading enterprises of Mechanicsburg. He is a heavy stockholder in both the local banks, also in the gas company and telephone company of his home town. He is also one of the most extensive

landowners in Goshen township. His farms are well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has a commodious home in the midst of attractive surroundings.

In February, 1887, Mr. Burnham was married to Laura B. Hunter, and their union has been blessed by the birth of two sons, namely: Vincent, living at Redondo Beach, California; and John, who is assisting his father in the Central Bank at Mechanicsburg.

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### WILLIAM E. WARD.

One of the enterprising young farmers of Urbana township and a veteran of the Spanish-American War is William E. Ward, who has for some time taken more than passing interest in the affairs of Champaign county. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, March 4, 1877, the son of Thomas O. and Helen Elizabeth (Haskell) Ward. The maternal grandfather gave the land on which to establish the Granville Seminary. Thomas O. Ward was born in Licking county, this state and there he grew up and married. He came to Urbana, Ohio, in 1880, and was a car builder in the car shops there for a period of twenty-five years. In 1906 his wife died, and soon after that bereavement he went to Wellsville, Kansas and later to Oklahoma, where he is now living on a farm. He is a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in 1861 in a Kansas regiment of cavalry, and he served four years in a very creditable manner, taking part in a number of important engagements. He was honorably discharged at the close of hostilities. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Urbana, where he belonged to the First Presbyterian church, in which he was an elder and was very active in church work. His family consisted of three children, namely: Edward, living north of Urbana, a broom maker by trade, who has been twice married, first to Kate Freyhoff, and secondly to Clara Warren; William E., subject of this biography, and Carrie, the wife of Thad Cox, living in Bellingham, Washington.

William E. Ward grew up on the home farm, acquired his early education in the common schools in his community, and in the Urbana high school. On April 16, 1898, he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, in Company D, Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was sent to Tampa, Florida, where he spent three months. Later he was three months at Fernandina, that state, and also spent three months at Hunts-

ville, Alabama. He was in training most of the time; but since the war terminated sooner than was expected, he had no opportunity to engage in any of the battles. Returning to Ohio after the war, he was mustered out on November 1, 1898, and honorably discharged. Not long thereafter, he began learning the broom maker's trade, also worked as bill clerk in a broom factory for five years.

On September 15, 1901, Mr. Ward married Mary E. Jones, a daughter of J. W. and Elizabeth Jones, who lived most of their lives in Union township, Champaign county, on a farm. Mr. Jones is now deceased. His family consisted of but two children: Mary E., wife of Mr. Ward, of this sketch, and Pearl V., a son, who is engaged in farming in Urbana township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ward was born one child, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth. After his marriage, Mr. Ward located on the Squire Ogden place just east of Urbana, where he spent seven years; then bought the eighty acre farm known as the William Robison place, where he now resides in Urbana township. He has made many improvements in a general way and he has an attractive home. In connection with general farming he makes a specialty of raising Poland-China hogs. He is president of the Urbana Township Community Club and takes a great deal of interest in township affairs. He is now a member of the school board in his district. He is a Republican. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans of Urbana. The Ward family belongs to the Presbyterian church at Urbana, which they attend regularly.

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### OTWAY C. HUPP.

Otway C. Hupp, a well-known undertaker and dealer in furniture at Mechanicsburg, this county, was born at Mechanicsburg on September 16, 1851, son of Major George W. and Mary J. (Guthridge) Hupp, for many years prominent residents of that city. The former was engaged in business there from an early day, he having established the business which his son, Otway C. Hupp, has successfully carried on for years.

Major George W. Hupp, whose title was gained through his connection with the Ohio State Militia back in pioneer days, was a native of Virginia, born near Newmarket, in the beautiful Shenandoah valley, February 22, 1813. When he was about seventeen years of age, his father died and his widowed mother later came into Ohio with her family and settled on the

Mad river, in this county, where she established her home on a farm which the family developed. For fifteen years George W. Hupp remained on that farm and then he moved to Urbana, where he took up the cabinetmaker's trade. After he became proficient in that trade, he moved to Mechanicsburg, where he started a furniture factory, later engaging in the undertaking business in connection with the same. Thus was he engaged until his retirement from business, when he was succeeded by his son, Otway C. Hupp, who has since continued the business, though the manufacturing of furniture long ago was discontinued, since the present needs of the trade in that territory are supplied by a well selected stock of up-to-date furniture from the leading factories of the country. Major Hupp retained his farming interest and after his retirement continued to give some attention to the same, though continuing to make his home in Mechanicsburg, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there on February 18, 1904. Major Hupp was twice married. On May 21, 1835, he was united in marriage to Margaret Millice, who died on December 30, 1843, leaving two sons, George W. and Abner C. On July 15, 1844, he married Margaret J. Guthridge, who died on January 12, 1889, and to that union were born five children, of whom Otway C. Hupp was the third in order of birth, the others being Llewellyn J., Albert G., Oscar B. and Nettie. Major Hupp was a Republican, a Mason and a member of the Methodist church and took an earnest interest in political, church and lodge affairs.

Otway C. Hupp completed his schooling in the high school at Marysville, from which he was graduated. After leaving school he was engaged in working on his father's farm until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he joined his father in the latter's place of business at Mechanicsburg, giving his personal attention to undertaking. He started in a small way and was compelled to go in debt for his fixtures, but the character of his service quickly brought him prosperity and it was not long until he had paid off his debt and added a small line of furniture. As his business grew Mr. Hupp extended his operations and now has a large brick building of his own, in which he carries a complete line of furniture, and one of the most complete and up-to-date undertaking establishments in the county. Long has he been regarded as one of the leading business men in Mechanicsburg, active and progressive in his methods and a helpful factor in promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the general interests of his home town.

In 1878 Otway C. Hupp was united in marriage to Lulu Bates, who also was born in this county, a daughter of Ansel Bates, and to this union

have been born three children, Wallace, Walter F. and Dollie. Mr. and Mrs. Hupp are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Hupp is a member of the board of stewards of the same. He is a Republican and is now serving as trustee of his home township, giving his most thoughtful attention to this public service. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the Knights of Pythias and with the Improved Order of Red Men and in the affairs of all of these organizations takes a warm and active interest.

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### WILLIAM W. THORNBURG.

William W. Thornburg, farmer of Urbana township, Champaign county, was born in Highland county, Ohio, October 6, 1850. He is a son of Edward and Rachael (Wright) Thornburg, both natives of Highland county, where they grew up, attended school, were married and established their home on the farm, the father becoming one of the leading farmers of that county, owning five hundred acres of good land there. His family consisted of eleven children, namely: Mary, William W., Silas, Matilda, Emma, Fannie, Hattie, Milton and Charles, who are living, and Hannah and Lydia, deceased.

The paternal grandfather was also named William Thornburg. He was a native of North Carolina, from which state he made the long and somewhat hazardous overland journey across the mountains to Highland county, Ohio, in 1810 and was thus one of the earliest pioneers in that section of the Buckeye state, remaining there the rest of his life.

William W. Thornburg, of this sketch, grew to manhood on the old home farm in Highland county, where he received a common school education, later attending Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana. After leaving college, he taught school at Clinton, Ohio, one year, then returned home and farmed the home place until 1874. In that year he married and started farming for himself, although remaining on the home place, fifty-three acres of which he bought in 1883. In 1898 he moved to Grant county, Indiana, and took up truck gardening there which he continued five years, then moved to Summit county, Ohio, and bought eighty-eight acres. He farmed there for six years, then moved to Logan county, renting a farm there one year, after which time he purchased the M. B. Saxbe farm, a tract of one hundred and seventy-three acres in Urbana township, Champaign county, on



which place he has since resided. In connection with general farming he raises a large number of Jersey cattle and Jersey Red hogs for the market annually. His place is well improved, including a fifty ton silo.

Mr. Thornburg married Victoria A. Hyatt, a daughter of Amos J. and Martha Hyatt, and to their union ten children have been born, namely: Stella, Ethel, Rachael, Clarence, who married Beda Arnott by whom he has six children: Inez, Bernard, Virgil, Carlyn, William and Marvin; Leo, single; Herbert, married, living in Montana; Clinton, who married Anna Darrow, having one child, Lucile; Carl, at home; Howard, who married Mabel Essman; and Russell, the youngest of the family.

Politically, Mr. Thornburg is an independent voter. He was assessor of his township two years. He belongs to the Friends church in Urbana, and is an elder in the same.

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### JOHN W. TWAY.

Having worked hard and managed well in his early life, John W. Tway is spending his old age in honorable retirement at Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, enjoying a well earned respite. He was born November 7, 1844, in Bartholomew county, Indiana. When four years old he went to live with his uncle, William Tway of Mechanicsburg, a stockman, who had no sons. The lad rode most of the way from his father's to his uncle's home on horseback behind his uncle, who drove a large herd of cattle from Bartholomew county to Mechanicsburg. The mother of John W. Tway died when he was a small child. He grew to manhood at the home of his uncle in Mechanicsburg, where he received a limited education in the common schools. He proved his patriotism during the Civil War by enlisting on December 16, 1863, in Company K, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was sent to Georgia and fought under General Thomas, "The Rock of Chickamauga." He was an active participant in all the battles of the Atlanta campaign, and also was at the Chattanooga. During the one hundred days campaign around Atlanta he became very ill and was sent back to Ohio, to the field hospital at Columbus. Upon his recovery he was sent to New York City to help quell riots there. From there he went by ship to North Carolina where he joined the army under General Sherman, at Goldsboro, and marched from there to Washington, D. C., at the close of the war and took part in the Grand Review. He

was then sent by rail to Parkersburg, West Virginia, and from there he took a boat on the Ohio river to Louisville, where, after spending a short time in camp, he went to Columbus, Ohio, being honorably discharged at the last place named in August, 1865. He had served his country faithfully and well.

After his career in the army Mr. Tway returned to Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, and engaged in farming until 1871. He then conducted a dray line, and later worked in a machine shop where he was badly injured by falling from a third floor. The last years of his active career were spent in the grocery business.

On November 8, 1871, Mr. Tway was married to Loretta Davis, a daughter of Cheney Davis and wife, of Champaign county. To this union two daughters were born, namely: Martha, who married Fred Thompson, a farmer of Goshen township, Champaign county; and Lizzie, who married Raymond Folk, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Tway is a staunch Republican, believing implicitly in the doctrines of that political creed. He belongs to Stephen Baxter Post, No. 88, Grand Army of the Republic at Mechanicsburg. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church.

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#### MICHAEL GANNON.

Michael Gannon, one of the best-known retired railroad men in Urbana, is a native of Ireland, but has been a resident of this country since the days of his young manhood. He was born in County Mayo on September 25, 1835, son of James and Bridget (Monahan) Gannon, both also natives of County Mayo and who spent all their lives there. James Gannon was a well-to-do farmer and he and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch is now the only survivor. Reared on a farm, Michael Gannon, after completing his schooling, followed farming in his native land until the year 1863, when he came to this country and proceeded on out to Ohio, locating at Springfield, where he became engaged with the Erie Railroad Company helping in the work of grading the right-of-way from Springfield to Dayton. In 1864 he entered the government employ and was sent South on government construction work, but a short time afterward returned to Ohio and resumed work for the Erie, being stationed at Urbana, and was engaged in the employ of that company, the most of the time as foreman of the local section of the railroad, until 1882,



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL GANNON.



after which he worked for the Illinois Car Company at Urbana until his retirement from active labor in 1887, since which time he has been living practically retired, "taking things easy." Mr. Gannon is a Democrat and has ever given his close attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after office.

Mr. Gannon has been twice married. It was in 1868 that he was united in marriage to Mary McLaughlin and to that union eight children were born, James, John, Mary, Kate, Anthony, Margaret, Agnes and Nelle, all of whom are living at Urbana with the exception of James, who is living at Evanston, Illinois, and Margaret, of Springfield, this state, and John, who lives in Chicago, Illinois. The mother of these children died on July 27, 1882, and Mr. Gannon married, secondly, Margaret Kelly, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Bessie. Mr. and Mrs. Gannon are earnest members of the Catholic church, in the various beneficences of which they take a warm interest, and Mr. Gannon is a member of the Holy Name Society of the local parish. Mrs. Margaret Gannon died on January 25, 1915. Despite the burden of his more than four score years Mr. Gannon is alert and vigorous and retains an active interest in affairs. He is one of the veterans of the railway service hereabout and has many an interesting tale to tell of railroading in years gone by.

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### EDWARD FUDGER.

Edward Fudger, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of this county, now living at Mechanicsburg, where he and his wife are very comfortably situated, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Goshen township on March 31, 1844, son of Peter M. and Esther (Davis) Fudger, the former of whom was born in the state of New Hampshire and the latter in Franklin county, this state.

Peter M. Fudger was but a boy when he came to this county with his parents from New Hampshire, the family settling on a farm in Goshen township, about three and one-half miles northeast of Mechanicsburg, becoming substantial pioneers of that neighborhood. Peter M. Fudger grew to manhood in that community and there married and established his home. He became a well-to-do farmer, and there spent his last days, his death occurring in 1896, when he was eighty-two years of age. He was twice

married. By his first wife, Esther Davis, he was the father of three children, Minerva, who married Erastus Guy and is now living in Allen county, this state; Leroy, who died at the age of four years, and Edward, the subject of this biographical sketch. The mother of these children died in 1850, when she was twenty-eight years of age. Peter M. Fudger later married Sophia Perry, to which union three children were born, Alanson, a well-to-do farmer of Goshen township and former county commissioner, who died in 1914; Sarah, wife of Thomas Thompson, of Mechanicsburg, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and Horace M., who is farming the old Fudger farm in Goshen township.

Reared on the home farm in Goshen township, Edward Fudger received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and remained on the farm, a valued aid to his father in the labors of developing and improving the same, until his marriage in the spring of 1883. He then moved to his farm two and one-half miles north of Mechanicsburg, where he established his home and where he remained, actively and successfully engaged in farming, until 1915. In that year he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Mechanicsburg, where he has a very pleasant home and where he and his wife are quite comfortably situated. Mr. Fudger is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a holder of public office.

It was on April 18, 1883, that Edward Fudger was united in marriage to Lina D. Swisher, who also was born in Goshen township, this county, daughter of Joseph and Amanda (Bamberger) Swisher, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to this county with their respective parents in the days of their youth and grew up and were married in Goshen township. Later Joseph Swisher moved to North Lewisburg and thence to Bellefontaine and is now living at Degraff. For thirty years he was a teacher in the public schools of this county and of Logan county; for some years was recorder of Logan county and later acted as deputy recorder of that county. He is a stanch Republican and is a member of the Methodist church. Joseph Swisher has been twice married. By his first wife, Amanda Bamberger, he had four children: Lina D., wife of Edward Fudger; Argus B., of Marysville; Linnie, wife of I. L. Mitchell, of Urbana, and Will B., who is engaged in the insurance business at Newark. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Swisher married Mrs. Henrietta Scott, a widow, and to this union one child was born, a son, Don B. Swisher, of Columbus.

To Edward and Lina D. (Swisher) Fudger two children have been born, daughters. One of them, Edna Gail, widow of Versailles Middleton.



now makes her home with her parents in Mechanicsburg, and who has two children, Mildred M. and Harold V.; the other is Glenna M., who married Joseph M. Coffey, a well-known farmer of Goshen township, and has one child, a son, Carl Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Fudger have ever given proper attention to the general social activities of their home community and have been helpful in promoting good works thereabout.

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### SAMUEL METZ.

The late Samuel Metz, who, at the time of his death in the fall of 1915, was one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Salem township, this county, was a native of the old Keystone state, but had been a resident of this state since 1867 and of Champaign county since 1876, in which year he settled on a farm in Salem township, where he spent the remainder of his life. There he was one of the useful and influential residents of that community.

Samuel Metz was born on a farm in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and there grew to manhood. There he married Eliza Heading, who also was born in that county, and in 1867 he and his wife came to Ohio and located in Wayne county. A year later they moved down into Champaign county and settled on a farm in Salem township. Not long afterward Samuel Metz bought a tract of one hundred and eighty-four acres in that township and there established his home. Prosperity having smiled upon his operations, he improved his farm, and at the time of his death on November 1, 1915, it was considered among the well-improved and profitably cultivated farms of the township. At present the farm is being operated by his sons, Andrew and Milroy Metz, two of the most progressive young farmers in that part of the county.

Samuel Metz was twice married. His first wife, Eliza Heading, died in 1883, at the age of forty-two years, and he then married Addie Wise, who also was born in Pennsylvania, and who died in July, 1896. By his first wife, Samuel Metz was the father of seven children, namely: Alice, who married James Robinson, a well-known farmer of Salem township; Harry, also a farmer of Salem township and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; William, deceased; Andrew, who, with his brother, Milroy, is operating the old home place; Lewis, a coal dealer at West Liberty; Ida May, who died in her girlhood, and Milroy.

who with his brother Andrew is engaged in farming the old home place. In 1911, Milroy Metz was united in marriage to Lena Mae Ream, a daughter of William Ream, of this county, and to this union two children have been born, Orpha Naomi and Franklin Waldo.

Andrew and Milroy Metz grew up on the home farm where they are now living, and in the neighborhood schools received their schooling. From boyhood they were valuable assistants to their father in the labors of developing and improving the home place and continued to live there, running the farm in their father's old age, his death occurring in his seventy-fifth year. After his death they took over the home farm and are now very successfully operating the same, carrying on their farming operations in accordance with modern methods, and, as a result have an excellent and thoroughly up-to-date farm plant, being accounted two of the most progressive and wide-awake farmers in that neighborhood. Both are independent in their political views, but take a proper interest in local civic affairs, being stanch supporters of all movements looking to good government and the betterment of conditions in the community in which they live and have lived all their lives.

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### JOHN V. STEMBEL.

John V. Stembel, a well-known farmer living four miles southwest of West Liberty, Harrison township, this county, was born on the farm on which he now lives in that township, on July 24, 1855. He is the son of Joseph and Mary (Zeigler) Stembel, the former of whom was born on July 29, 1828, in Frederick county, Maryland.

Joseph Stembel was the son of John and Elenora (Sweringen) Stembel, both of whom were born in Frederick county, Maryland, where they grew to maturity and were married. They came to this county in 1830 and settled in Urbana, making the trip in covered wagons. They lived there from the spring of that year until the fall and then settled on a farm one mile east of where their grandson, John V. Stembel, now lives. John Stembel bought two hundred acres of land and immediately proceeded to bring it into a state of cultivation and presently planted a few crops. At the time he settled on this tract of land, the district was but sparsely populated and neighbors were not very numerous. John Stembel was among the early pioneers of Champaign county and was ever regarded as among

the best and most progressive men of the period in which he lived. At the time that he settled here, wild animals were numerous and settlers had to be constantly on guard against their depredations.

John Stembel was an active member of the Lutheran church, the church services being held in his home for a few years and sometimes in his barn. He was a member of the Masonic order and was always warmly interested in the affairs of that fraternal organization. During his active years, he was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and had been ever active in its councils. His death occurred in 1861. He was the father of twelve children, six of whom died in infancy and six lived to maturity, Joseph Stembel being the only one living in 1917.

Joseph Stembel was two years old when he came to this county from Maryland with his parents. He was reared on the farm and attended the subscription schools of the district, the present public school system not being in operation when he was a boy. After his school days he worked on the farm his father had entered in 1830 and remained there up to the time of his marriage.

Joseph Stembel was married to Mary M. Zeigler on January 3, 1851. She was born in Perry county, Ohio, on December 14, 1827, and died on January 23, 1911. In 1851 he built the house in which he now lives and which he has occupied since that date. To Joseph Stembel and wife the following children were born: George, deceased, who lived in the state of Indiana; John V., the subject of this sketch; Albert F., deceased; William H., of Newport, Kentucky; Melissa, deceased; Mary L., who married Robert Kirkwood; Catherine E., wife of John Duff, and Addie E., who married Samuel Brubaker. Mr. Stembel is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and earnestly devoted to its good works. He is a supporter of the Democratic party, but has never been a seeker after public office. Mr. Stembel has in his possession two swords and uniforms worn by his maternal grandfather, who fought in the War of the Revolution and greatly prizes these two reminders of the days when the patriot army carried on the struggle successfully for independence. Joseph Sweringen was a captain under General Taylor in Florida and was an uncle of Mr. Stembel.

John V. Stembel was reared on his father's farm and educated in the public schools of Harrison township. He worked on the farm for some years by the month. On June 18, 1879, he was married to Emma E. Barger, who was born on November 13, 1858, in Concord township, where she attended school and was reared. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Stembel six children were born, four of whom are now living, namely: Addie,

the wife of Frank Bishop; Maudie, who married Godlieb Siegenthalor; Mattie, the wife of Clarence Roberts, and Willie, who married Leota Mason, of Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Stembel is a member of Mad River Lodge No. 161, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a warm supporter of that order.

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### GEORGE L. BYERS.

George L. Byers, a well-known retired building contractor of Mechanicsburg, former member of the common council of that city, former city marshall, an honored veteran of the Civil War, lieutenant of Company B, Forty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and for many years one of Champaign county's best-known citizens, is a native of the old Keystone state, but has been a resident of Ohio since he was eight years of age. He was born on a farm in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1840, a son of George and Harriet (Fry) Byers, the former of whom was a son of Joseph Byers and wife, also natives of Pennsylvania, who spent all their lives in that state.

George Byers was reared in Pennsylvania and there learned the trade of blacksmith, becoming a skilled workman. He married Harriet Fry and continued to make his home in Pennsylvania until 1848, when he came to Ohio with his family and settled in Delaware county, establishing a blacksmith shop at Norton. From the fruits of his labor at the forge, he made enough money to buy a farm where he established his home and set up a smithy. He was thus engaged as a farmer and smith when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service, as did four of his sons, Lee W., T. M., A. G. and George L., and died in service at Memphis, Tennessee. T. M. and A. G. Byers served in the hundred-days service. Lee W. Byers enlisted in the company in which his father and brother George were enlisted, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant. At the battle of Sabine Cross Road he was captured by the enemy and languished for six months in a Confederate prison. Upon the completion of his military service, he returned home and some time later was accidentally drowned. The senior George Byers, who died while in the service of his country during the Civil War, was one of the founders of Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and the family still holds a life scholarship in that institution.

George L. Byers was reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Norton and early became a skilled mechanic under the direction of his father. He received his early schooling in the local schools and supplemented the same

by attendance at Ohio Wesleyan University and was in his second year in that institution when the Civil War broke out. On September 17, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company B. Forty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and, upon the organization of that company, was made a corporal. After the battle of Shiloh he was promoted for meritorious conduct on the field of battle to the post of first duty sergeant and after the battle of Arkansas Post, as a reward of further meritorious service in the field, was made orderly sergeant. In December, 1864, he was further promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of his company and with that rank was mustered out at the close of the war, after a service of four years and seventeen days, during which period he never was on sick leave. Lieutenant Byers was twice wounded in battle, first at the battle of Jackson, Mississippi, and again in an engagement near Pittsburg Landing. His company took part in twenty-two battles. After the surrender of Vicksburg it was encamped on Jefferson Davis's plantation in Mississippi and while there Lieutenant Byers found his way into the library of the President of the Confederacy and retained as souvenirs of his visit a set of Byron's poetical works and a Webster's Dictionary; these he brought home with him and he still possesses, the books still being in an excellent state of preservation. Upon being mustered out, Lieutenant Byers received from his lieutenant-colonel a letter which he still has and which he prizes very highly, commending his courage, patience and bravery, with particular mention of his conspicuous services during the battle of Shiloh and during the siege of Vicksburg.

Upon the completion of his military service, Lieutenant Byers returned to his home in Delaware county and not long afterward became engaged there as a general building contractor, giving particular attention to bridge construction. He was thus engaged there until 1870, the year of his marriage, when he came to Champaign county and located at Mechanicsburg, where he every since has made his home and where he was actively engaged as a building contractor until his retirement in 1913, a period of more than forty years. For many years Lieutenant Byers was one of the best-known building contractors in the eastern part of the county and many buildings in and about Mechanicsburg bear the substantial marks of his handiwork, among these being the K. of P. Hall, the Methodist Episcopal church, the C. L. Burnham livery barn and others of the best buildings in that city. Lieutenant Byers is a stanch Republican, and has ever given his earnest attention to local political affairs. For six years he served as a member of the common council of his home city and also served for some time as city marshal.

On October 5, 1870, Lieutenant George L. Byers was united in marriage,



in Delaware county, this state, to Hattie E. Difany, who was born in that county, and to this union three children have been born, John T. Byers, a commercial salesman, now traveling out of Cincinnati; Edward L. Byers, who is engaged in the furniture business at Mechanicsburg, and Mary E., wife of J. W. Grubbs, of Columbus, Ohio. Lieutenant Byers is an active member of Stephen Baxter Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Mechanicsburg, and has for many years taken an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. He also is a member of Wildey Lodge No. 271, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mechanicsburg, and is a past noble grand of the same.

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#### BYRON F. HAWLEY.

Belonging to Champaign county's enterprising class of twentieth-century agriculturists and stockmen, Byron F. Hawley, one of the representative citizens of Rush township, is deserving of specific mention in these pages. He was born in Union county, Ohio, July 3, 1855. His father, John Hawley, Jr., was born in Stark county, this state, in 1815, and was a son of John Hawley, Sr., a native of northern Ireland, from which country he immigrated to America in an early day. He married a Miss Gregory, who was of Scotch descent. He was a weaver by trade. After living for some time in Stark county he moved to Union county, Ohio, locating two and one-half miles southeast of Milford Center, where he became owner of twelve hundred acres of valuable land and there engaged in general farming on an extensive scale until his death. His family consisted of the following children: Gregory, who spent his life in Union county; John, Jr., the father of the subject of this sketch; George, who spent his life on a farm in Union county; Samuel, who was a practicing physician in Kankakee, Illinois, where he died; Harvey, also deceased, and Peggie (oldest of the children), who married Doctor Wood, one of the first settlers of Marysville, Ohio, and is also now deceased.

John Hawley, Jr., grew to manhood on the home farm in Union county and there he attended school. He was twice married, first, to Zelphya Maynard, a native of this state, and to their union three children were born, namely: Belle, widow of George Davis, now living at Marysville; Delia C., who followed teaching for many years and is now making her home with the subject of this sketch, and Rose, now deceased, who was the wife of Edward Bergen, of Bellefontaine. The second marriage of John Hawley,





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Jr., was to Melinda W. Fulton, and to their union two children were born, namely: Byron F., the subject of this sketch, and Dora, born in 1857, who married Herbert Fay, and now lives in Columbus, Ohio. The mother of these children died on April 14, 1902, at the age of eighty-two years, and the father died a few months later, December 17, 1902, at the age of eighty-seven.

Melinda Fulton Hawley, mother of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Livingston county, New York. She came to Union county, Ohio, in 1826. She was a daughter of John Fulton, a cousin of Robert Fulton, inventor of the first steamboat. John Fulton was a native of Scotland, from which country he immigrated to Nova Scotia, Canada, where he learned the shipbuilder's trade. Later he came to the United States and worked in the ship yards in New York City, finally coming West and locating in Union county, Ohio, where he spent the rest of his life on a farm. He married Nancy Wise, a native of Livingston county, New York. Three children were born to them. Mrs. Hawley's sister married John Ross, a kinsman of Betsy Ross, who made the first American flag.

Byron F. Hawley grew to manhood on the home farm in Union county. He attended the rural schools and also those in Marysville, which he attended four years, then studied three years in the Ohio State University at Columbus. After leaving college he turned his attention to farming in Rush township, Champaign county, living two years on the Johnson place and on the Kimball place for eight years. He remained on the old home place in Union county until 1883. His parents resided with him until their death in 1902. During the past twenty-three years Mr. Hawley has operated the E. C. Miller place in Rush township, known as the "Pleasant Run Farm," two miles south of North Lewisburg and two miles north of Woodstock. He engages in general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He is a breeder of Shorthorn and Polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs of the large type, also Norman horses. He was the first man to raise "baby beef" in Champaign county. His fine stock always find a ready market owing to their superior qualities. He is one of the best-known stockmen in the county and is regarded as an exceptionally good judge of livestock of all kinds. He has been very successful as an agriculturist, and has followed general farming all his life with the exception of three seasons, during which he worked as a civil engineer in Union county when a young man. He raises a fine grade of corn and has made exhibits at corn shows for many years.

Mr. Hawley was married on February 28, 1878, to Nellie F. Johnson.

a native of Champaign county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. She is a daughter of Horatio and Jane (Bates) Johnson, who came here from one of the Eastern states and settled on a farm in Goshen township.

Politically, Mr. Hawley is a Republican and is active in local political life. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Rising Star Lodge No. 126, at North Lewisburg; Roper Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, at Urbana; and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Dayton. Mrs. Hawley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### DENTON CROWL.

Denton Crowl, who has spent his entire life in this county, a substantial and progressive farmer engaged in the general raising of all kinds of stock was born in Harrison township on August 1, 1851. He is the son of William and Ruth (Chew) Crowl, the latter being William Crowl's second wife. Ruth Crowl died in 1852 when Denton Crowl was but thirteen months old. She was also the mother of John, living in Urbana, and of Anna, who became the wife of A. J. Pitts. Mr. Pitts served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. He enlisted in the Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served to the end of the war, seeing much active service while with the colors. He was a sergeant and flag bearer. William Crowl, who was an active farmer all his life, raised his motherless son, Denton.

Denton Crowl, who has spent his entire life in Harrison township, was educated in the schools of Springhills, and, on the completion of his school course, he taught school for one term. He assisted in the work of cultivating his father's farm and here learned valuable lessons in agricultural matters which proved useful to him when he engaged in farming for himself.

Denton Crowl remained at home up to the time of his marriage when he commenced farming operations on his own account and in all his work in agriculture he has met with a commendable measure of success. He is now the owner of three hundred and five acres of land of the best quality to be found in Harrison township and is engaged in general farming and stock raising. In the latter line he is actively engaged in the raising of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs and finds a ready market for the same. Mr. Crowl has been twice married. His first wife was Sarah Calland and

they became the parents of three children, namely: Edward S., of Michigan; Carrie Belle, who was graduated from high school and later from Wooster College, was a teacher for four years, at the end of which time she became the wife of L. M. Norris, of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Frank D., also a graduate of high school and of Wooster College, also of the University of Pennsylvania, and is now a practicing physician and surgeon at Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Sarah Crawl, the mother of these children, died on July 17, 1910, and on September 5, 1912, Denton Crawl married Hester Basore for his second wife. To this second union two children were born, Donald R. and John N.

The Crawl family are members of the Presbyterian church at Springhills, this county, and are earnestly interested in church affairs. Mr. Crawl was clerk of the congregation for several years and has been one of the elders of the church. He has always been active in the work of the church, and has been a teacher in the Sunday school for a considerable period. Mr. Crawl was a supporter of the Republican party, and of late years he has been an independent in his political views. He has always taken a warm interest in local government and for fifteen years served as a member of the school board and is a persistent advocate of all that stands for efficiency and progress in the schools of the district and county.

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#### E. R. STOCKWELL, D. V. S.

Dr. E. R. Stockwell, veterinary surgeon at Mechanicsburg and one of the best-known practitioners in that line in Champaign county, is a native of the great Empire state, but has been a resident of this county since 1898, the year of his graduation from veterinary college. He was born at East Wilson, in Niagara county, New York, June 5, 1871, son of Herbert R. and Mildred (Turner) Stockwell, the former of whom is still living there, at a ripe old age.

E. R. Stockwell grew up in the immediate vicinity of his home village, East Wilson, and received his early education in the schools of that place. He early learned the trade of farrier and became an expert horseshoer and gradually also became deeply interested in the treatment of the various ailments to which horseflesh is heir, soon becoming locally known as a self-taught veterinarian of considerable skill. After working for eleven years as a horseshoer he entered the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, where

he took a full course and was graduated in 1898, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery. The year following his graduation, Doctor Stockwell opened an office for the practice of his profession at Mechanicsburg, this county, and has ever since been located there, having built up an extensive practice throughout the territory adjacent to that city. Doctor Stockwell keeps fully abreast of modern advances in his important profession and added to his earlier training by taking a post-graduate course in the McKillip Veterinary College at Chicago. The Doctor is the owner of the establishment he has built up at Mechanicsburg, besides other property in that city.

Doctor Stockwell has been twice married and by his first marriage has one child, a daughter, Mildred, born on December 25, 1890. In June, 1898, the year in which he located at Mechanicsburg, the Doctor married Kate Pease, who was born at Wilson, New York, was educated in the schools of that place and who for some years before her marriage had been engaged in teaching school. To this union two children have been born, Donna, born on September 6, 1899, and Herbert R., December 25, 1901, both now students in the Mechanicsburg high school. The Stockwells have a very pleasant home at Mechanicsburg and take an interested part in the city's social activities. The Doctor is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with Mechanicsburg Lodge No. 113, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Homer Lodge No. 475, Knights of Pythias, at that place. He takes a warm interest in the affairs of both of these organizations.

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### WILLIAM H. HUNT.

William H. Hunt, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Champaign county, a retired merchant of Mechanicsburg, for years a resident of that city and one of the best-known and most influential citizens of this county, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Clark on December 15, 1868, son of James and Elizabeth Catherine (Welsh) Hunt, the former also a native of this state and the latter, of the state of Virginia, she having come to Ohio with her parents when a girl and later returning to Virginia, where she was living when she was married. After his marriage James Hunt returned with his wife to Ohio and became established on a farm in Clark county. There he made his home until about 1876, when



he came with his family up into Champaign county, where he became a well-to-do farmer. He also for years followed the calling of auctioneer and became one of the best-known men in the county. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant church. They were the parents of eight children, of whom six are still living, those besides William H. Hunt being John, Frank George, Ella K., wife of John F. Wright, and Sarah, wife of John W. Murray, of Urbana.

Having been but eight years of age when his parents moved from Clark to Champaign county, William H. Hunt has spent practically all of his active life in this county. Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg, he received his early education in the schools of that city. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant to his mother in the labors of developing and improving the home farm and after his marriage in 1890 established his home on that farm and continued to live there until 1892. In that year he moved to Mechanicsburg, where he ever since has resided. Upon moving to Mechanicsburg Mr. Hunt engaged in the grocery business at that place and was thus quite successfully engaged until May 1, 1911, when he sold his store. In the meantime he continued to look after the management of his farm, which he still owns, and still gives the place, a well-improved farm of one hundred acres in Goshen and Union townships, considerable of his personal attention. Mr. Hunt has been a successful business man and in addition to his farming and other interests in and about Mechanicsburg is a stockholder in the Farmers Bank of that place and in the local building and loan association, and is a member of the board of directors of the latter institution.

Mr. Hunt is an ardent Republican and for years has been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in Champaign county, being the present vice-chairman of the county Republican central committee. In 1897 he was elected marshal and street commissioner of Mechanicsburg and in 1913 was appointed to fill the unexpired term of A. P. Fudger as a member of the board of county commissioners from his district. By successive elections has been retained in that office, present chairman of the board, a position he has held for three years. During the incumbency of Mr. Hunt on the board of commissioners, Champaign county has effected numerous important public improvements, including many concrete bridges, the completion of the county hospital, new equipment for the county treasurer's office, a much-needed extension of the court house, valuable drainage extension and other public improvements of value to the entire county. Mr. Hunt has taken an

active part in the Ohio State County Commissioners Association and has served as a member of the executive and finance committee of the same. He also has served as vice-president of the local anti-tuberculosis association of Madison, Clark, Green and Champaign counties, and in other ways has given of his time and energies to the public service.

On October 17, 1890, William H. Hunt was united in marriage to Jennie McLaren, who was born in Morrow county, this state, December 24, 1870, and to this union two children have been born, Florence E., born on August 31, 1895, who is now a student in Denison University, and Louise, March 31, 1903, now a student in the Mechanicsburg high school. The Hunts are members of the Methodist Protestant church and have for years taken an interested part in church work and in other local good works. Mr. Hunt is a member of Mechanicsburg Lodge No. 113, Free and Accepted Masons, and also of Homer Lodge No. 474, Knights of Pythias, at Mechanicsburg, and is past chancellor commander of the latter lodge. For years he has taken a warm interest both in Masonic and Pythian affairs.

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### THOMAS LYNN JOHNSON.

The year 1803, two years before Champaign county was organized, saw the first members of the Johnson family locating in the county. In this volume is given a very interesting review of the family from the time its first members came here and located in the Mingo valley in Wayne township, and the reader is referred to that sketch for a detailed history of the family, as a whole, during its connection with the county for the past one hundred and fourteen years. One of the several members of the family who left the county of their nativity and went forth into the world to make a name for themselves, is Thomas Lynn Johnson, now a practicing attorney of Cleveland, Ohio.

Thomas L. Johnson, a son of Alfred and Ann Elizabeth (Stone) Johnson, was born in the Mingo valley of Champaign county on May 29, 1855. The father was born on the same farm, June 10, 1817, and died there on September 9, 1905; the mother was born in Perry county, Ohio, September 21, 1829, and died at Marion, Ohio, June 28, 1917. The complete genealogy of the family, as above stated, is given elsewhere in this volume.

Thomas L. Johnson was reared on his father's farm and spent his boyhood days in a manner similar to all boys reared on the farm. He

attended the rural schools and then entered the National Normal School, at Lebanon, Ohio, graduating therefrom with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He at once became a student at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, where he took up the study of law, graduating in due course of time with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was then twenty-four years of age, a graduate of one of the leading law schools of the country, and ready to begin the practice of his chosen profession. The question was where should he locate.

After looking over the situation from every angle, he concluded to begin his legal practice in the city of Cleveland, Ohio. Accordingly, the year 1879 found him located there, being admitted to the bar in that city in the same year. At first he devoted himself to general practice, but as the years went by, he gradually became more interested in corporation and insurance law. During the past few years, he has given the major portion of his time to "Trade Marks" and "Unfair Competition." He practiced alone until 1900, in which year he became a member of the firm of White, Johnson & Cannon. In 1914 the firm was enlarged by the addition of C. A. Neff, and since that year the firm has been White, Johnson, Cannon & Neff. The offices of the firm are in the Williamson Building.

The career of Mr. Johnson as a lawyer has been one of quiet and undeviating devotion to his profession. He has never cared to take an active part in political affairs, although, as a citizen interested in good government, he has always been ready to co-operate in measures looking toward better civic conditions. For this reason, he prefers to class himself as an independent voter with Republican tendencies. He is a member of the Cleveland and the American Bar Associations, and for two years, 1912-1914, he was president of the former. In addition to his legal activities, he finds time to be a director in several corporations and is a stockholder in about a dozen more.

Mr. Johnson was first married to Isabelle Wilder, who was born at Medina, Ohio, April 13, 1856, and died October 27, 1900. To this marriage was born one son, Roy Wilder Johnson. The son was born at Cleveland on March 4, 1882, and after completing the work in the public schools of his home city, became a student in Dummer Academy, South Byfield, Massachusetts. He completed his education by graduating from Harvard University and then started out in newspaper and magazine work after leaving college. For a time he was on the editorial staff of *Printers' Ink*, New York City, but he severed his connection with this magazine in February, 1917.

to enter business as a trade mark adviser and expert. He maintains offices at 32 Nassau street, New York City. Roy W. Johnson was married to Josephine Summer, a daughter of John L. Summer of Marysville, Ohio. They have two children, aged six and four. Their home is in New Rochelle, New York.

Thomas L. Johnson was married a second time on February 20, 1912, at Springfield, Ohio, to Stella Reid Crothers, a daughter of W. B. and Martha Reid, of Jackson, Michigan.

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### JOHN HENRY BATDORF.

John Henry Batdorf, one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial retired farmers and merchants, now living at St. Paris, where he has extensive property interests, a member of the board of directors of the Central National Bank of St. Paris, and in other ways identified with the business interests of that city, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Johnson township on December 13, 1839, son of Samuel and Susanna (Neff) Batdorf, prominent and influential residents of that township, whose last days were spent there.

Samuel Batdorf was born in the state of Pennsylvania and came to this state with his parents in the days of his youth, the family settling in Johnson township, this county. There his father, John Batdorf, bought a farm about a mile and a half west of St. Paris, established his home there and there spent the remainder of his life, a substantial pioneer of that community. Samuel Batdorf married Susanna Neff, a resident of the Dayton neighborhood, and established his home in Johnson township, where, in addition to his general farming he became extensively engaged in the buying and selling of livestock and became a quite well-to-do citizen. He also was an auctioneer and crier of public sales and in that capacity became one of the best-known men in this section of the state. He was cut down in the very midst of his activities, being killed by a train, caught at the railway crossing on his way home from St. Paris one day. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, David Batdorf, a well-known farmer of Jackson township, this county, and Samuel M. Batdorf, a manufacturer of brick and tile at Burlington, Kansas. The deceased members of the family



MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. BATDORF.





were Mary, who was the wife of Samuel Bolinger; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Susanna, who died in 1916, was the wife of Frank Snapp; Elmira, who was the wife of Asa Brelsford, and Isabel, also deceased.

John H. Batdorf was reared on the home farm west of St. Paris, receiving his schooling in the public schools, and remained at home, a valued assistant in the labors of the home farm, until after his marriage in 1864, when he established his home on an eighty-acre farm he had bought in Jackson township, and there he lived until November 16, 1887, when he retired from the farm and moved to St. Paris, where he engaged in the dry-goods business in a partnership, under the firm name of Mitchell & Batdorf, and was thus quite successfully engaged until his retirement from business in March, 1903, since which time he has occupied his time looking after his various property interests in St. Paris and other business interests he has acquired meantime, never having ceased his business activities, despite his nominal retirement. Mt. Batdorf was one of the organizers of the Central National Bank of St. Paris and is a member of the board of directors of the same. The history of that bank, together with its present officary, is set out at length in another place in this work. Mr. Batdorf also is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants Telephone Company and has done much to extend the telephone service throughout this part of the state during his connection with that company. He is the owner of several business buildings, besides other real estate, in St. Paris, and is one of the well-to-do citizens of that town, in the affairs of which he ever has taken a warm interest. Mr. Batdorf is a Democrat and during the time of his residence in Jackson township served for some time as assessor of that township.

On October 27, 1864, John H. Batdorf was united in marriage to Johanna Bowersock, who was born in Adams township, this county, September 26, 1843, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Cory) Bowersock, the former of whom was born near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and the latter, near Dayton, this state, and who moved from Adams township to St. Paris in 1859 and there spent their last days, Mrs. Bowersock dying on December 25, 1879, and Mr. Bowersock, March 25, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Batdorf have two sons, William H., born on August 30, 1865, who married Jennie Pence and now lives at Columbus, this state, and Frank C., May 18, 1867, who married Susanna Brown and is engaged in the dry-goods business at St. Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Batdorf are members of the Baptist church, of

which he is a member of the board of trustees and a deacon. He has been active in church work and has helped to build two churches, having been a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of the Baptist church at St. Paris and a member of a similar committee at the time of the erection of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church.

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### FRED L. WILKINS.

The farmer has a chance to enjoy life to a greater extent than any other, for reasons that are too obvious to be enumerated in detail. Knowing this, Fred L. Wilkins, of Salem township, Champaign county, has been content to spend his life amid rural scenes. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, October 21, 1869. He is a son of Howard and Rebecca (Martin) Wilkins, both natives of Virginia, in which state they grew up and married, later establishing their home in Belmont county, Ohio, where they continued to reside until 1880 when they moved to Champaign county and settled in Salem township on a farm. Howard Wilkins devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits. He voted the Republican ticket and took an active interest in the affairs of his neighborhood. His death occurred on February 23, 1903. His widow, however, is still living, making her home among her children, of whom there are eight in number, named as follows: William G., a retired farmer of Kennard, Ohio; James W., also a retired farmer of Kennard; Maggie, wife of J. T. Woodruff, of Salem township, Champaign county; Minerva, who married C. S. Unkerfer, of Salem township; Fred L., of this sketch; Dora, wife of I. J. Kauffman, a farmer of Salem township; Annie, who married E. B. Thomas and lives in Salem township; Charles G., who married Ethel Powell, living in Salem township.

Fred L. Wilkins grew up on the home farm in Salem township, where he was educated in the common schools. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-two years old. On November 8, 1892, he married Maggie Sheehe, born at Mingo, Ohio, May 7, 1876, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (McGraw) Sheehe, both natives of Ireland, from which country, they came to America while young. They were married in this country and settled in Mingo, Ohio. Mr. Sheehe was a mason by trade, but devoted most of his later life to farming, his death occurring in 1878 and that of his wife in April, 1910.

After his marriage Mr. Wilkins located at Mingo, Ohio, where he

worked out by the day for two years, at the end of which time he moved to Wayne township, Champaign county, where he engaged in farming until 1900, then moved to Salem township, locating on the I. B. Thomas farm, where he has since resided. During his residence here of sixteen years, he has made a success as a general farmer and stock raiser, feeding each year a large number of cattle and hogs. He farms two hundred and eighteen acres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins ten children have been born, namely: Walter M., born on November 18, 1895, married Edith Howison, farming with his father in Salem township; Wilbur M., born July 18, 1898; Lillian R., March 24, 1901; Linnie F., August 23, 1903; Howard F., September 24, 1905; Arthur T., December 19, 1907; Roy J., May 15, 1910; John, May 8, 1912; Raymond, October 2, 1914; and Norma May, born July 27, 1894, and died, August 18, 1894.

Politically, Mr. Wilkins is a Republican, and in the principles and doctrines of which party is a strong believer. He has served the community in an official way, being a member of the school board in Wayne township. He and his wife are members of the Friends church, where they are regular attendants.

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### JOHN M. ALCOTT.

John M. Alcott, farmer, of Harrison township, Champaign county, was born on a farm in Liberty township, Logan county, Ohio, November 4, 1873. He is a son of John T. and Jane (Secrist) Alcott. The father was born on the old home farm in Liberty township, Logan county, in 1836, where his parents were pioneer settlers. He devoted his life to farming, and died in 1874. He had only two children, George A., who is farming on the old homestead, and John M., of this sketch. After the death of John T. Alcott, his widow married D. S. Pool and they established their home at Bellefontaine, Ohio.

John M. Alcott was reared on the home farm, and he attended the district schools in Logan county. He was only nine months old when his father died, and he remained with his mother until he was twenty-five years old, assisting in supporting the family. He has devoted his life to general farming and now owns a well kept and productive tract of eighty acres in Harrison township, where he has resided since 1899.

Mr. Alcott was married on September 21, 1898, to Gertrude Clark.

a native of Union township, Logan county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. To their union two daughters have been born, twins, Irene and Imogene, the date of whose birth was January 6, 1900. They are now attending high school at West Liberty.

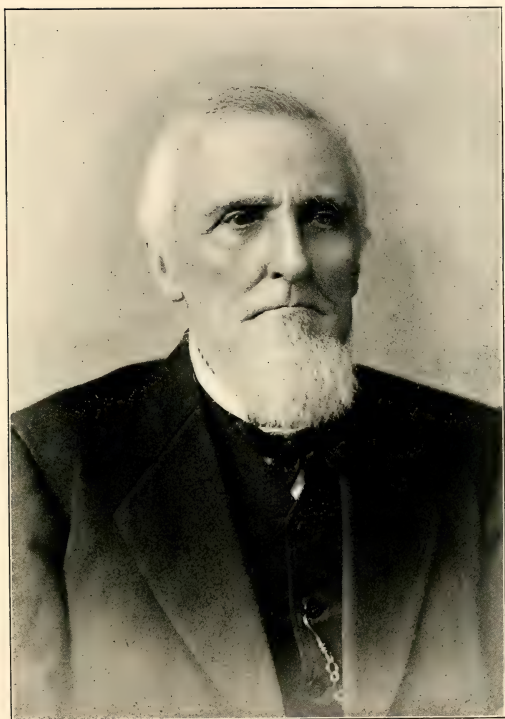
Politically, Mr. Alcott is a Republican. He is prominent in lodge circles, belonging to Mad River Lodge No. 196, Free and Accepted Masons, and also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at West Liberty, in which lodge he is the present noble grand. He belongs to Bellefontaine Chapter No. 60, Royal Arch Masons, and he and his wife are members of the Order of Eastern Star at West Liberty.

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### MAJOR JOSEPH C. BRAND.

In the memorial annals of Champaign county there are few names held in better remembrance than that of Major Joseph C. Brand, former member of the state Legislature from this district, an honored veteran of the Civil War, a consular officer in Europe during the Grant administration, clerk of the common pleas and district courts of this district at the time of the adoption of the new state constitution and for many years one of the most active and influential business men in Urbana.

Major Joseph C. Brand was a native of Kentucky, but had been a resident of this county since the days of his young manhood, having located at Urbana in 1830. His grandfather, Dr. James Brand, was a native of Scotland and was graduated from the Edinburgh Medical University about 1756, after which he came to this country and located at Frederick City, Maryland, where he practiced his profession for a number of years, at the end of which time he moved to Ringold's Manor and thence to Augusta county, Virginia, where he died at the age of ninety-six years. Dr. James Brand was the father of several children, one of whom, Thomas Brand, father of the Major, was born in Maryland and with his parents moved to Virginia, where he remained until 1808, in which year he went to Kentucky and was there married to Fannie Carter, who also was born in Maryland and who had moved to Kentucky with her parents in the days of her childhood. Of the eight children born to that union Major Brand was the eldest. He received an excellent education in Kentucky and for a time followed teaching there and then, in 1830, came up into Ohio and located at Urbana, where he became engaged in the drug business with his



JOSEPH C. BRAND.





uncle, Dr. Joseph S. Carter, and was thus engaged until the time of his marriage in 1832, when he moved to Mechanicsburg and there became engaged in mercantile business in association with Dr. Obed Horr; remaining there until 1837, in which year he bought a farm on Buck creek and was there engaged in farming until 1851, when he returned to Urbana, established his home there and there continued to reside until his death, with the exception of the time spent in the army and the time spent in the foreign consular service.

Upon the outbreak of the Civil War Major Brand was one of the active factors in obtaining the order for the creation of the gallant Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and assisted industriously in recruiting and organizing that regiment, and served with that command until it finally was mustered out, a period of three years and ten months. He was promoted in service from captain to the position of commissary of subsistence of volunteers and saw much active service, his command being present at and participating in many of the most notable engagements of the war, and he was present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. He was mustered out at the end of the war with the brevet title of major, "for distinguished service during the war," and upon the completion of his military service returned to Urbana. Not long afterward he was appointed by President Grant United States consul at Nuremberg, Bavaria, and with his wife and two daughters made his residence in that city for three years.

Major Brand was an ardent Republican and ever took an active part in local civic affairs. He filled several county offices at one time and another and represented this district in both the House and the Senate of the Ohio state Legislature, serving on important committees in both houses during that important period of service. He also took an active part in the general business affairs of the community and his energy and public spirit did much toward promoting a better business condition hereabout in his day. He was a member of the board of directors of the old Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company and took an active part in the establishment of the road through this part of the country. In the trying days preceding the Civil War he was a valued contributor to the abolition movement and took a no small part in the operation of the "underground railroad" in this part of the state, in that capacity taking active participation in what came to be locally celebrated as the "Greene county rescue case," an incident arising out of the arrest of several Champaign county men who had expressed sympathy for a fugitive slave named Addison White

and who were rescued from the custody of a United States marshal while en route through Greene county for Cincinnati, further and more detailed reference to which incident is made in the historical section of this work. Major Brand was an earnest Methodist and he and his wife were ever leaders in local good works.

As noted above, it was in 1832 that Major Brand was united in marriage to Lavina Talbot, who was born at Shepherdstown, Virginia, and to that union nine children were born, namely: Thomas T., a captain in the Union army during the Civil War, who was retired on account of wounds received at the battle of Chickamauga; Joseph C., who became deputy collector and chief clerk in the United States revenue service, with headquarters at Bellefontaine; William A., for many years co-editor with Joshua Saxton of the *Citizen and Gazette* at Urbana, and postmaster of Urbana at the time of his death; Belle, wife of William R. Ross; Mary, wife of Rev. E. D. Whitlock; John F.; Ella, wife of Charles A. Ross, of Urbana, and Ellen and Irva, who died in young womanhood.

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#### WILLIAM H. HILL, D. V. S.

Dr. William H. Hill, the well-known veterinary surgeon living at Christiansburg, this county, is a native of that village, his birth having occurred there on August 15, 1857, the son of Henry and Mary (Benton) Hill, both of whom were natives of England.

Henry Hill was born in Derbyshire, England, in December, 1828, and grew to maturity in that country, receiving his education in the English schools. After reaching manhood he learned the trade of a shoemaker, and there he married Mary Benton, who was born in Cambridgeshire in October, 1828. One daughter was born to them while still living in England, and soon afterward they came to the United States, locating first at Piqua, Ohio, where they lived a few years, after which they removed to Christiansburg, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives his death occurring on April 21, 1887, while his widow survived him twelve years, her death occurring on April 20, 1899. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity, but only six of whom are now living: Eliza G., widow of Charles Garver, of DeGraff, Ohio; Alice Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Judson J. Long, also deceased, formerly residents of Christiansburg; Charles A., who is engaged in business in

Christiansburg; William H., the immediate subject of this review; John and Harry, both of Christiansburg; one who died in infancy, and Frank of Spring Hills, Ohio. Henry Hill and wife were earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for years he was identified with the lodge of Odd Fellows in Christiansburg. In politics he was a Democrat, firm in his belief of the principles of that party, and was always an enthusiastic and influential worker for the cause of prohibition. For many years he was engaged in the shoe business in Christiansburg, also carrying on an extensive trade in the tree and nursery business.

William H. Hill was reared in the village of Christiansburg, receiving his education in the public schools of that place and in the Normal school at Lebanon, Ohio. After leaving school he taught school for a period of seven years, two years in Christiansburg and vicinity, and it was while thus engaged that he became interested in veterinary work, making an exhaustive study of animal diseases and their treatment, and promptly became a practitioner, in which he has been very successful and has acquired a large and lucrative patronage in this vicinity.

On November 21, 1889, William H. Hill was married to Lola M. Merritt, daughter of William and Tabitha (West) Merritt, and to this union one son was born, Herman M., born on May 11, 1891, who died on April 2, 1903.

Mr. Hill's parents were descendants of some of the early pioneers of Champaign county, her father, William Merritt, being born in this county, July 16, 1828, his parents coming in an early day from Virginia. Tabitha West, mother of Mrs. Hill, was born in Jackson township, this county, and was a daughter of John W. West, a very prominent man in the county in the early days. He was a Republican in politics, and always active in the councils of his party and served the county as sheriff for a number of years, his portrait now hanging on the walls of the sheriff's office in the court house at Urbana. William Merritt was a man of quiet and unassuming demeanor, conservative in his judgment, and well known and highly esteemed in his community. He and his wife were the parents of three daughters: Laura B., wife of Charles Gruver, of Troy, Ohio; Lola M., wife of Doctor Hill, and Elizabeth, wife of L. D. Baker, of New York City.

Doctor Hill is a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 226, Free and Accepted Masons, and of St. Paris Chapter No. 85, Royal Arch Masons, while both he and his wife hold membership in Diamond Chapter No. 84, Order of the Eastern Star. The Doctor is a Democrat in politics and takes

an active interest in all local political matters. He served his township ten years as township clerk, and is now a member of the Jackson township board of education. In 1886 and 1887 he served as assistant postmaster of Christiansburg, under C. A. Hill.

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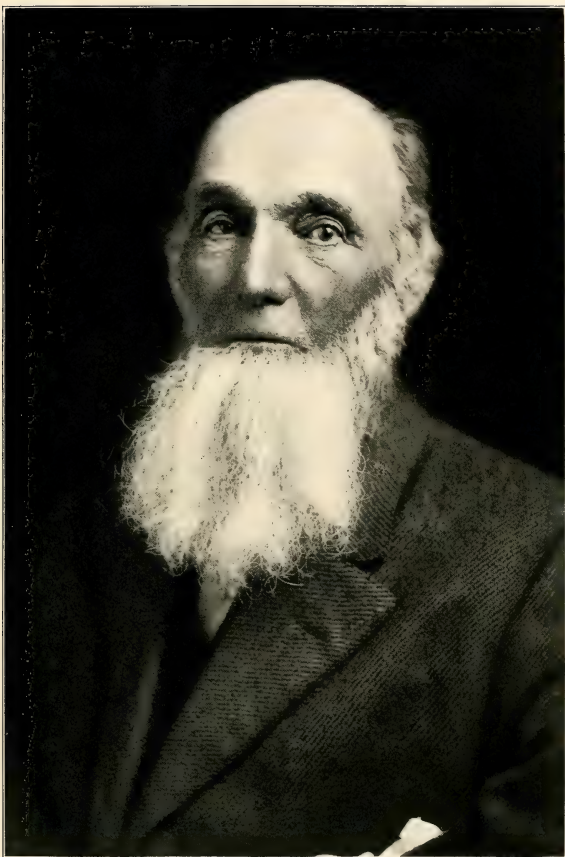
### THOMAS SPEECE.

Thomas Speece, a well-known farmer and the owner of two hundred and sixty acres of prime land in Harrison township, this county, was born in that township on March 8, 1839. He is the son of William and Elizabeth (McIntire) Speece, the former of whom was born in Shelby county, Ohio, and the latter in Harrison township, this county.

William Speece came to Harrison township when a young man and was married to Elizabeth McIntire here. They settled in this township and lived on a farm for the remainder of their lives. When William Speece came to this township he was in poor circumstances, but by steady industry and thrift he added to his land holdings and accumulated over four hundred acres of choice land and was generally recognized as one of the substantial farmers of Harrison township. He was a member of the United Brethren church and took a very general interest in all church affairs. He was affiliated with the Democratic party, but was never a seeker after office. William Speece and wife were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are living in 1917, namely: Thomas Speece, the subject of this sketch; Sarah A., the wife of David Taylor; Samantha, the widow of W. R. Hoffman; Margaret, who married H. D. Pyle; W. H. Speece, of DeGraff, Harrison township; Cyrene, wife of Albert Clark; Etna, wife of Joseph Barger, and Jacob P., deceased.

Thomas Speece was reared on the farm in Harrison township and attended the public schools of the district. On finishing his time at school he worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then married Lydia A. Robinson on September 16, 1858. His wife was born in Harrison township, Champaign county, a daughter of Rossiter and Mary (Withers) Robinson.

Following his marriage Thomas Speece and his wife began house-keeping in Harrison township on rented land, which he continued to operate for a few years. He then bought eighty acres on which he farmed in a general way and as he prospered in the work, he continued to add land



THOMAS SPEECE





until he finally became the owner of two hundred and sixty acres of fine land. To Mr. and Mrs. Speece two sons were born, namely: Thomas N., who is the owner of fifty acres of land, married Minnie Stayman, and now lives in Harrison township, and William R. Speece, who married Amanda V. Stover, and who now lives in the state of Oregon. Thomas N. Speece is the father of the following children: Fay, who married Ernest Wilkeson; Hezie, deceased; Mabel, wife of W. O. Mohr; Eva, who married Francis Buck, of Adams township; Zolu, who married Emerson Cheney, of Spring Hill; Edith and Millard. Mrs. Thomas Speece died on November 15, 1912.

Thomas Speece is a member of the United Brethren church and has served as class leader and trustee. He has been superintendent of the Sunday school for several years. He was a member of Spring Hill Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Speece is a supporter of the Democratic party and has been prominent in its affairs for several years. He served as trustee of Harrison township for six years, was a member of the school board for a considerable period, and was township assessor for six years, and in each of those offices gave general satisfaction. He has been a member of the Champaign county fair board for the long period of thirty years and is still active. For several years he has been one of the directors of the board and his long experience in that direction has been of the greatest benefit to the managers of the annual fairs.

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#### ISAAC. N. ZERIAN.

Isaac N. Zerian, a farmer of Harrison township, Champaign county, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, January 4, 1841. He is a son of Daniel and Mary (Trago) Zerian, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. When a young man, the father came to Washington county, this state, where he was married, later bought a farm in Jackson county on which place he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. He was a Republican and active in party affairs. He was a member of the Methodist church for many years. To Daniel and Mary Zerian eleven children were born, five of whom survive in 1917, namely: Daniel, Jr., who was a soldier in the Civil War, died in Memphis, Tennessee, while in the service; John E., who went to Texas and died in that state; William, a farmer in Liberty township, Jackson county, Ohio; George, a soldier in the Civil War, dying from wounds received in battle; Charles, who lives in the West; Asa I.

living in Columbus, Ohio; Mary J., the wife of James Walker and living in California; and Isaac N., of this sketch.

Isaac N. Zerian was about eight years old when his parents brought him to Jackson county, Ohio, and there he grew to manhood on the home farm. He had little opportunity to obtain an education. When twenty-one years old he went to Ross county, this state, and later to Jackson county, Missouri. Six years later he returned to Ohio, locating in Madison county where he engaged in farming until 1901 where he took up his residence in Champaign county. He now owns a good farm in Harrison township, consisting of two hundred fifty-one and one-half acres. He is carrying on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale and has a well-improved and well-kept farm, a good home in the midst of attractive surroundings.

Mr. Zerian was married in 1871 to Charlotte Watson, a native of Ohio, and to their union six children have been born, namely: Alta B., the wife of W. S. Shipley; Ora F., the wife of Joseph J. Busick; Nettie A., the wife of Pearl Chaney, and living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Iva M. and Imogene, who are single and living at home; Arno N., also unmarried and home.

Politically, Mr. Zerian is a Republican and he has been active in party affairs for some years.

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### OBADIAH E. GRISWOLD.

Obadiah E. Griswold, one of the oldest native born citizens of Champaign county, most of whose eighty-five years has been spent in his home locality, in which he has seen many important changes take place, is a link between the pioneer epoch and the present. He was born here on January 22, 1832, on the old homestead in Goshen township. He is a son of James and Polly (Beales) Griswold, natives of Vermont, where they grew up and married. They remained in New England until 1812, when they came to Marietta, Ohio, traveling most of the distance by boat, the trip requiring nearly a year. They were delayed chiefly by an attack of smallpox while on their way. Later they located near Columbus, Ohio, and in 1816 came to Champaign county, settling in the wilds of what is now Goshen township. There they built a cabin, cleared and developed a farm, and endured the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life. The death of James Griswold occurred at Irwin Station and there his wife also spent her last days. They were parents of eight children, namely; Boland,

living in Union county, two miles west of Milford; Mary, wife of Mark Malonea, who died at Irwin Station; Sarah, who married Samuel Harris of Leroy, Illinois, where he died, after which event she moved to Texas; Hosea, who moved to Illinois, where he spent the rest of his life; Phedora Jane, who died in 1842; Sylvania, wife of William Brown, who lived in Illinois and later in Union county, Iowa, where her death occurred; Olive Rebecca, wife of Ira Jones, of Van Buren county, Iowa, and Obadiah E., of this sketch.

Obadiah E. Griswold grew to manhood on the home farm where he worked hard when a boy. He received a limited education in the pioneer schools of Goshen township. He lived at home until he was eighteen years old. On January 22, 1863, he married Abigail D. Kimball, who was born in Union county, Ohio, in 1837, the daughter of Hiram D. and Catherine (Culver) Kimball, natives of Stowe, Vermont, and New York state, respectively, the latter being born on Lake Champlain. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball came to Union county, Ohio, in 1818, locating on a farm near what is now Milford Center, and later moved to Goshen township, Champaign county, where he established the family home on a farm, which he developed from the virgin soil by perseverance and hard work. After several years the family moved back to Union county. Hiram Kimball's death occurred in Champaign county, after which his widow went to Kansas and died there. Five children were born to Hiram Kimball and wife, namely: Abigail D., wife of Mr. Griswold of this sketch; Silas, who was killed at the battle of Shiloh during the Civil War, being a member of Company F, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; N. J., who served three years in the Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after the war lived in Union county for some time, then moved to Medicine Lodge, Kansas, where he now resides; Lucy A., the widow of D. W. Rutan, a farmer and stockman, and now making her home at Mechanicsburg, Ohio; Ira C., who served two years in the Civil War, after which he located in Eldorado, Kansas.

To Mr. and Mrs. Obadiah E. Griswold, one son was born, William J. Griswold, whose birth occurred in 1872. He was reared on the home farm in Rush township, and received his education in the district schools. He has always lived at home and is carrying on general farming, stock raising and dairying.

Obadiah E. Griswold located in 1863 at Irwin Station, Ohio, not far from the Champaign county line. After staying there for a period of thirteen years, he located on the old Kimball homestead in Goshen township for a while. Later he moved to Union county, Iowa and engaged in

farming there nine years, then returned to Champaign county, locating on the A. J. Smith place in Rush township. In 1890 he bought the eighty acres where he now lives in Rush township and has since carried on general farming and dairying there.

Mr. Griswold is a Republican; however, he has never been active in public life.

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### HENRY C. ROGERS.

Henry C. Rogers, secretary and manager of the Home Telephone Company of Mechanicsburg and one of the best-known farmers and stockmen in the vicinity of that city, was born on the farm which he still owns in the immediate vicinity of Mechanicsburg, this county, September 1, 1863, son of Russell B. and Lydia (Griffin) Rogers, the latter of whom is still living.

Russell B. Rogers was born in the state of Virginia and was but six months of age when his parents came to Champaign county and settled on the farm now owned by Henry C. Rogers. There he grew to manhood, a valued assistant to his father in the labors of improving and developing the home place. He received his schooling in the local schools and became a school teacher, and he taught for some years in his home community. After his marriage to Lydia Griffin, he established his home on the old home place and there he continued to live until his retirement from the farm. He removed to Mechanicsburg, where he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1893, and where his widow is still living. Russell B. Rogers was a successful farmer and at the time of his death was the owner of six hundred acres of excellent land. He and his wife were the parents of two sons, Henry C. and Francis R. Rogers, now a resident of Gotobo, Oklahoma.

Henry C. Rogers was reared on the old home farm from the days of his boyhood gave close attention to the management of the farm, becoming a practical farmer. He received his early education in the local schools and remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age. He then went to California and for seven years thereafter was a resident of the West, engaging there in a variety of pursuits. After the death of his father in 1893, he returned to the home farm and took over the management of the same. Mr. Rogers is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of excellent land and makes a specialty of the growing of alfalfa and the feeding of hogs, shipping the latter in carload lots. He has found much profit in alfalfa culture and annually cultivates from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty

acres in this admirable forage crop, producing three tons to the acre. Mr. Rogers has a tract of one hundred and fifty acres planted to catalpa trees and has sold from the same thousands of fence posts and telephone poles. He is the first man in this region to plant high-priced agricultural land to trees as a business proposition and has found the venture profitable. Mr. Rogers was the organizer of the Home Telephone Company of Mechanicsburg and is secretary and manager of the same, having developed the plant from its initial standing of two hundred subscribers to its present list of more than one thousand subscribers.

In 1914 Henry C. Rogers was united in marriage to Elsie Bungardner, who was born in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and who was graduated from the local high school. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live. Mr. Rogers is an "independent" in his political views and takes an active interest in local civic affairs.

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#### REES H. MILLER.

The late Rees H. Miller, a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and for years one of Wayne township's best-known and most substantial farmers, who died at his home in that township in the fall of 1909, was born on that same farm, the old Miller homestead, settled by his grandfather, John Miller, in 1830, and which place is still in the possession of the family, and there resided all his life. He was born on July 18, 1839, son of Joshua and Lavina (Wade) Miller, substantial residents of that community, whose last days were spent there.

Joshua Miller was born in eastern Pennsylvania in 1805, son of John and Margaret (Rees) Miller, both natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in 1830, driving through with several other families that were seeking new homes in this section at that time, and settled on what has since been known as the Miller place in Wayne township, this county, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives. It was on December 5, 1830, that John Miller and his family arrived in Wayne township. The land on which they settled had been granted by the government to two Revolutionary soldiers for services rendered in the war and from their assignees was deeded to John Galloway, the old parchment, now in the possession of the Miller family, bearing the signature of James K. Polk, President of the United States. John Miller was the first to make



improvements on the place, which was in its virgin state when he took possession, and the log cabin he erected there in 1830 is still standing and in a good state of preservation, a priceless relic of pioneer days in that part of Champaign county. John Miller was of the sturdy, self-reliant type of pioneers and early became an influence for good in his community, taking an active part in all proper movements having to do with the development of the community at large. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom made their homes in Wayne township. Of these children, Joshua was the eldest, the others being Mrs. Elizabeth Creviston, Mrs. Rebecca Pipple, Thomas, Joshua, Mrs. Polly Thompson, Ruth, Emma, Jane, Rees, Lydia, David and Margaret. Joshua Miller became a substantial farmer in Wayne township and spent his last days on the old Miller homestead place. He and his wife (Lavina Wade) were the parents of five children, Delila Wilson, John Garland, Rees H., Lydia A. Williams and Mary Jane Devore.

Rees H. Miller was reared on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the local schools and was living at home when the Civil War broke out. He took part in that struggle as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, attached to Grant's army in Virginia, participating in the activities of that command during the hundred-days service. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to the home farm and after his marriage in 1868 established his home there, both he and his wife spending the rest of their lives there, her death occurring on October 1, 1906, and his, October 2, 1909, he then being past seventy years of age. Rees H. Miller was a staunch Republican. He was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at North Lewisburg and took an active interest in the affairs of the same. In local civic affairs he also took an active interest and for years was a member of the school board, doing much to advance the cause of education in his community. He was a member of the Friends church and his wife was a Baptist.

It was on December 15, 1868, in the adjoining county of Union, that Rees H. Miller was united in marriage to Hope Devore, who was born in that county, a daughter of Morris and Rachael (Inskip) Devore, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in Union county, whose last days were spent in the adjoining county of Logan. Morris Devore and wife were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Miller was the last-born, the others being as follow: Newton, who moved to Illinois; Nelson, whose last days were spent in Logan county, this state; John, who died in Iowa; Aaron,



who became a substantial farmer of Wayne township, this county; Hester, who lived in the West; Mary Jane; Margaret Elizabeth, of Marysville, this state, and Amazetta, who lives in Kansas.

To Rees H. and Hope (Devore) Miller were born six children, namely: C. V. Miller, who is farming the old home place, where he always has made his home, and who is a Republican, a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, former trustee of Wayne township and present member of the school board; Effie M., who died on August 9, 1896; Rollin J., a farmer, also living on the old home place; Lauzetta C., who for the past twenty years has been a member of Champaign county's efficient teaching force, one of the leading teachers in the county, now teaching in the Kings Creek schools, and who also continues to make her home on the old home place; Lillian M., also a teacher, engaged as a member of Champaign county's teaching force for the past fifteen years, teaching at Mingo and Belle Center, and who also continues to make her home on the old home place, and Dorothy, wife of Stanley Strayer, of Akron, this state. Mrs. Strayer also was engaged in teaching before her marriage and for three years was a teacher. The Millers have a very pleasant home in Wayne township and have ever given their close attention to the general social and cultural activities of the community, helpful in many ways in advancing movements designed to promote the general welfare, and are held in high esteem throughout the county.

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### CHASE YOUNG.

Chase Young, a farmer of Union township, Champaign county, was born in Rush township, this county, November 5, 1874, a son of Thomas and Anna (Linville) Young, the former a native of Clark county, Ohio, and the latter of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Thomas Young grew to manhood in Clark county and attended the common schools there and married a Miss Hale. Not long thereafter they moved from Clark county to Champaign county, locating in Wayne township, on a farm near Cable, which Mr. Young rented and farmed there until the death of his first wife. He presently married again and rented a farm west of Woodstock for eight years, after which he returned to Wayne township, where he farmed for three years, then located in Union township on a rented farm, but later bought sixty-three acres in Wayne township, where he continued farming

until his death in 1913. His widow survived until 1916. To these parents four children were born, namely: Hayes, Wilbert, Chase and Elizabeth.

Chase Young grew up on the farm and attended the public schools in Union and Wayne townships. He assisted his father with the work during the crop seasons when a boy, and after leaving school he began life for himself as a farmer, renting a place in Wayne township for two years; then moved to the W. S. Madden farm, in Union township, which consisted of two hundred and nineteen acres, and here he has remained to the present time, carrying on general farming and stock raising with very satisfactory results. He raises considerable grain each year, most of which he feeds to live stock, principally hogs, fattening an average of one hundred head for the market every twelve months. He is a breeder of a good grade of live stock.

Mr. Young was married December 6, 1900, to Kate Beaty, a daughter of W. C. and Alverna Beaty, and to this union two children have been born, namely: Paul, born on September 16, 1903, and Howard Young, June 6, 1905. W. C. Beaty, father of Mrs. Young, died in 1908 and his widow makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Young.

Politically, Mr. Young is a Republican. He is a member of the county fair board and of the local school board. He belongs to the Grange and is overseer of the local lodge.

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#### WILLIAM SHERMAN COFFEY.

William Sherman Coffey, auditor of Champaign county, is a native son of this county and has lived here practically all his life. He was born on a farm in Goshen township, January 3, 1866, son of Joseph and Lydia M. (Moody) Coffey, well-known and influential residents of that township, the former of whom is still living there. Mrs. Coffey died in 1915.

Joseph Coffey, an honored veteran of the Civil War, also was born in Goshen township and has lived there all his life. He was born in 1838, son of Tatom and Rebecca (Rubard) Coffey, early settlers in that part of Champaign county. Tatom Coffey, of English and Scottish descent, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1800, and was but two years of age when his parents, Joseph and Sarah Coffey, came over into this part of Ohio and settled in what later became organized as Clark county, being the second family to settle within the present boundaries of that county



WILLIAM S. COFFEY.



It was on May 6, 1802, that they settled there and on a pioneer farm there Tatom Coffey grew to manhood. When twenty years of age he married Rebecca Rubard, who was one of the first persons born in Clark county, and in 1829 he and his wife came up into Champaign county and settled in Goshen township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, influential and useful residents of that community. Tatom Coffey died on March 21, 1877. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, two sons and seven daughters, of whom Joseph was the last born.

Reared on the paternal farm in Goshen township, Joseph Coffey was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted as a member of Company I, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command saw much active service, the battles and skirmishes in which he was engaged including Port Republic, Gettysburg, Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, the second battle of Bull Run and Dumfries. He then was transferred to the Army of the Cumberland and was in the battles at Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Kenesaw Mountain, participated in the Atlanta campaign and was with General Sherman on the march to the sea, receiving his honorable discharge at Savannah on December 22, 1864. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Coffey returned to his home in this county and on April 13, 1865, was married to Lydia M. Moody and established his home in that township, where he ever since has lived, a well-to-do farmer. Joseph Coffey is an ardent Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Masons, a member of the lodge of that order at Mechanicsburg.

William S. Coffey received his elementary schooling in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home in Goshen township and at the age of sixteen entered the high school at Mechanicsburg. He later took a commercial course in the normal school at Ada and then went to Kansas, where from 1889 to 1893 he was engaged in teaching school. He then returned to this county and for thirteen years was engaged in teaching here, two years of that time being spent as superintendent of the schools at Lewisburg and two years as a teacher in the schools near Mutual. In 1903 Mr. Coffey became engaged in business at North Lewisburg and was thus engaged when he was elected, as the nominee of the Republican party, in the fall of 1914, to the office of auditor of Champaign county. Upon taking office Mr. Coffey moved to Urbana and has since made his home there. So satisfactory did his service as county auditor prove that he was re-elected to that office in the fall of 1916 for another term of two years. Mr. Coffey is a

Republican and for years has given his earnest attention to local political affairs. For four years he served as treasurer of Rush township and all his public service has been animated by an earnest desire to advance the interests of the community at large.

On August 26, 1891, William S. Coffey was united in marriage to Mertie Clark, daughter of George W. Clark and wife, and to this union three children have been born, Clark V., who married Esther Gordon; Ruth who married Elmer Loudon and has two children, Harold Eugene and Mary Elizabeth, and Edward. Mr. Coffey is a Mason, a member of the commandery at Urbana, and is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of both of which orders he takes a warm interest.

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### EDWARD M. THOMPSON.

Edward M. Thompson, an honored veteran of the Civil War and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, the old John Devore place, in Wayne township, where he has made his home since 1869, is a native son of Champaign county, born in Wayne township, and has lived here all his life. He was born on a small farm just south of the village of Cable on September 30, 1844, son of Abraham and Susan (Middleton) Thompson, natives of Brown county, this state, who were married in their native county on August 5, 1831, and who later came to Champaign county and settled south of Cable, where Abraham Thompson got a piece of land and put up a log cabin in the woods, establishing his home there.

Abraham Thompson was a cooper by trade and he put up on his place a cooper shop, in which he worked during the winters and during such times as he could not profitably be engaged on his farm, but he was not able to make more than a meager living and when he died in October, 1849, he left his widow and eight children, the youngest of whom was but seven months of age, in sadly straitened circumstances. The Widow Thompson was an expert weaver and after the death of her husband she set up a loom in his cooper shop and made a meager living by weaving linsey-woolsey, a fabric of linen and wool—linen warp and woolen filling—much used by the pioneers. She was of the true type of pioneer mother and reared her children with a high regard for their future welfare, keeping them in school and praying with them night and morning at the humble



family altar. She survived her husband many years, her death occurring in 1888, she then being seventy-six years of age. To Abraham Thompson and wife, twelve children were born, the subject of this sketch being the sixth in order of birth, the others who grew to maturity being as follow: James, who married Sarah Hatfield, became a well-to-do farmer in Rush township and died in 1904; Lillie, who died in 1849; Winifred, who married Samuel McAdams and lived in Union township, this county; Thomas, a well-known resident of Mechanicsburg and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; William H. H., a veteran of the Civil War, who is farming south of Cable, in this county; Susanna, wife of J. C. Light, of Lima, Ohio, and Abraham B, a farmer of Urbana township, who has been twice married, his first wife having been Ellen Osborne and his second, Lillie Noyes.

Edward M. Thompson received his schooling in the little old log school house in the neighborhood of his boyhood home south of Cable and early began to perform his share in the labors of family maintenance, his mother having been left a widow when he was but four or five years of age. He was but a boy when the Civil War broke out, but his patriotic fervor was strong and in May, 1862, he then being but seventeen years of age, he enlisted at Urbana for service as a member of Company H. Eighty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was with that command for four months, on duty at Clarksburg, West Virginia, guarding the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. In June, 1863, he enlisted for a second time and again went to the front, serving with Company I, Eighty-sixth Ohio, until mustered out on February 10, 1864, in this latter service aiding in the capture of Morgan's raiders, participating in the skirmish at Eaglesport, escorting prisoners of war to Columbus and taking part in the expedition against Cumberland Gap and the capture of that important point. On May 2, 1864, Mr. Thompson again enlisted and returned to the front as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio, attached to the middle department, Eighth Army Corps, going with that command to Cumberland, Maryland; thence to Washington, D. C., White House and City Point; and was attached to Pond's Brigade, South Division, Eighteenth Army Corps, Army of the James, from June to August, chiefly on fatigue duty. After the engagement at Port Walthall he moved with his company to the south side of the James and at Deep Bottom was on further fatigue duty, operating with the Army of the James during the siege of Petersburg and Richmond, until August 28, when the command was returned to Camp Chase, where he was for the third time mustered out, August 31, 1864. After a

bit of a respite at home Mr. Thompson again enlisted in behalf of his country's cause, on January 20, 1865, becoming attached to Company D, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Ohio, with which command he went to Louisville, then to Nashville and from there to Cleveland, where he was on duty until May 2, when the force with which he was operating was assigned to a second (separate) brigade and after the battle of Etowah river, Georgia, went to Dalton and thence to Chattanooga, where the company was on duty until July 20, protecting the railroad and then was stationed at Nashville, where it was held on duty for some time after the war had closed. Mr. Thompson receiving his discharge there on September 18, 1865.

Upon the completion of his military service Edward M. Thompson returned to his home in this county and remained with his mother until his marriage in the summer of 1867, when he made his home at Mingo, where he remained about two years, or until 1869, in which year he bought the old John Devore place of one hundred and twenty acres in Wayne township and has ever since made his home there, one of the substantial farmers and influential residents of that neighborhood. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Thompson has given considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock and has done well in his operations. He is a stanch Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, for six years serving as trustee of Wayne township and for four years as a member of the board of directors of the county infirmary. He is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at North Lewisburg and has for years taken a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization.

Mr. Thompson has been twice married. In August, 1867, he was united in marriage to Sarah E. Euans, of Hardin county, this state, and to that union three children were born, Dana Pearl, who died at the age of six months; Anna Belle, who died at the age of nine years, and Dr. Charles E. Thompson, now a practicing physician at Cincinnati. Doctor Thompson was reared in this county and began his medical studies at the Ohio Medical College at Columbus, later entering the medical college of Nashville, Tennessee, from which he was graduated. Upon receiving his diploma, he was appointed an interne at the Nashville City Hospital and after a period of valuable practical experience there returned home, remaining at home for a year, at the end of which time he opened an office for the practice of his profession at North Lewisburg. Four years later he moved to Urbana and was for some time engaged in practice there, or until his removal to Cincinnati, where he is now engaged in practice and has been

quite successful. Doctor Thompson was for some time a member of the board of pension examiners for this district and while thus engaged had the honor of being the youngest pension examiner in the United States. He has been twice married. His first wife was Maggie Pence and his second, Catherine McMillan. Mrs. Sarah E. Thompson died in October, 1894, and on July 19, 1900, Mr. Thompson married Bertha S. Ramsey, who was born at Cable, a daughter of Albert and Sophia Ramsey, natives of Virginia, who became early settlers at Cable, Albert Ramsey becoming a substantial farmer of that neighborhood. Albert Ramsey died at the age of eighty-four years and his widow is still living, being now in the ninety-second year of her age, hale and hearty, a great reader and keenly interested in the current events of the day. Mrs. Ramsey attended the funeral at Simon Kenton at Zanesville and retains distinct recollections of that event, as well as of many of the leading events in the pioneer history of this section of the state, and is a most interesting conversationalist on matters relating to the earlier days of this region. She and her husband were the parents of ten children, of whom five are still living, those besides Mrs. Thompson being Gustavus, of Columbus, this state; Cromwell, of Grove City, Pennsylvania; Endora, of Urbana, and Benjamin F., of Cable.

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#### WILLIAM B. CRIM.

One of the well-known and efficient educators of Champaign county is William B. Crim, at present incumbent of the office of district school supervisor of Union, Wayne, Johnson and Harrison townships. He was born in Goshen township, this county, on April 18, 1870. He is a son of Thomas W. and Mary E. (Evans) Crim. The father is a retired farmer and school teacher of Mechanicsburg, this county. He is also a veteran of the Civil War, and for a period of thirty-five years he was assessor of Goshen township. Thomas W. Crim was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, May 29, 1842, and is a son of William and Cecelia (White) Crim, who spent their lives in the last-named county and state. They were parents of eight children, Mary E., John Wesley, living in Virginia; Susan N., Samuel Randolph, Trenton Jackson, Benjamin Franklin, Dollie Jane and Thomas W.

When twenty-one years old Thomas W. Crim left his native state and came to Ohio, in April, 1863, locating in Champaign county. A year later he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio

Volunteer Infantry, but he was prevented from active service by illness and was discharged in October, 1864, for disability. He had received a good education and took up teaching upon coming to Ohio, which work he resumed upon his recovery and he followed teaching and farming in Champaign county until 1907, since which time he has lived in retirement in Mechanicsburg. On November 12, 1863, he married Mary E. Evans, a native of Goshen township, this county, and a daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Myers) Evans, both natives of Loudon county, Virginia, but who removed to Champaign county, Ohio in 1836, locating in Goshen township where they spent the remainder of their lives. They had six children, Mrs. Crim being the second in order of birth, the others being William L., Jacob T., Sarah Alice, James S. and Melvina.

To Thomas W. Crim and wife five children were born, namely: Ella, wife of James Woolford, of Urbana; William Burton, the subject of this sketch; Elnora C., wife of Evan Perry of Goshen township; Magdalena, who is at home, and Samuel E., who is engaged in the grocery business.

William B. Crim received his early schooling in the common schools of Goshen township and later attended the high school at Mechanicsburg. After leaving school he taught for fifteen years in the public schools of Goshen township and two years in Rush township, and since 1905 has been teaching in Union township, spending eight years of that period at Mutual. In 1913 he was elected district supervisor of schools, the duties of which responsible and exacting position he has continued to discharge in an able, faithful and eminently successful manner, doing much to improve the schools in this section, for he is a man of progressive ideas and has kept well abreast of the times in all that pertains to educational matters. He has also remained a diligent student and is one of the most proficient educators in Champaign county. During his long years of teaching his services have been in great demand and he has been popular with both pupils and patrons. He has introduced improved and modern methods in the schools and placed them under a superb system. Through his efforts quite a number of the district schools have been consolidated. He has been a member of the county board of examiners since 1905. He is the third oldest school teacher, in point of service, in Champaign county, having taught in all thirty-three years.

In 1893 Mr. Crim was married to Kate Woodward, a daughter of Kemp and Talitha (Morse) Woodward, natives of Goshen township, this county. Kemp Woodward died in 1875 and his widow married William Craig and now resides on a farm in the north part of Goshen township. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Crim, namely: Mabel and Harold.

Mr. Crim is a Republican. He served as justice of the peace for four years, making an excellent record, his decisions being noted for their fairness to all parties concerned and showing a profound knowledge of the basic principles of jurisprudence. He belongs to the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor commander. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church, in which he is a deacon, and is active in church work.

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### WESLEY BLAZER.

Wesley Blazer, a farmer of Union township, this county, was born on a farm in Stony Creek township, Madison county, Indiana, April 25, 1862, a son of Frank and Melissa (Goul) Blazer. The father was a native of Madison county, and the mother of Champaign county, but they were married in Madison county. Frank Blazer spent his life in his native county, where he followed farming. His death occurred when his son Wesley was a small child. Frank Blazer and wife had five children, John, Martha, Wesley, Kate and Rachael.

Wesley Blazer grew to manhood on the farm in Madison county. He attended the rural schools there, and when a young man he worked as a hand on the home place until 1881, in which year he came to Champaign county and hired out as a farm hand for one year, then returned to Madison county for two years, then again came to Champaign county. After his marriage here he went to Harper county, Kansas, where he resided five years on a farm, then returned to this county and located in Goshen township, where he worked as a farm hand one year, then farmed as a renter three years. He then lived a year in Indiana, after which he rented a farm for two years in Goshen township, this county. He then bought sixty-nine acres in Union township and here he has since resided and has been successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has added to his original place until he now owns one hundred and seven and one-half acres, all of which is under cultivation except a few acres of timber. He bought the place in 1899. He has kept it well improved and has a comfortable home and good outbuildings. For a number of years he also operated a saw-mill and threshing-machine, operating the latter all over the county.

Mr. Blazer was married on September 12, 1886, to Binnie C. McAdams, a native of Union township and a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Doak) McAdams, natives of Champaign county. Mr. McAdams still lives on the



home place. Mrs. Jane D. McAdams died in 1865. Samuel McAdams served all through the Civil War, enlisting from Union township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Blazer four children have been born, namely: John F., who married Jennie Goul and has two children, Lloyd and Mildred; Ada Dell, wife of Frank Ogg; Owen, who is single and living at home, and Charles, who died at the age of five weeks.

Mr. Blazer is a Republican and was formerly a member of the local school board. He belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and is now serving as trustee of that order. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### ELMER E. POWELL.

Elmer E. Powell, a farmer of Union township, Champaign county, was born in Mad River township, this county, September 9, 1861, a son of Samuel T. and Mary E. (Talbot) Powell, both natives of Mad River township. There the father grew to manhood, attended school, and engaged in general farming until he retired from active life and moved to Urbana, where his death occurred in 1905. His widow is still living there. The father of Samuel Powell immigrated to Champaign county in an early day and was one of the pioneers of Mad River township, where he spent the rest of his life.

Elmer E. Powell grew to manhood at Urbana, and was educated in the public schools there. After leaving school he worked at Urbana in the hay and grain business, until he was married; then, in March, 1893, took up farming in Union township, and has continued farming with gratifying results to the present time. He is now farming on an extensive scale, operating about six hundred acres. He raises large quantities of grain which he feeds to livestock, preparing a number of carloads of cattle and hogs for the market each year, and for twenty-five years he has been a prominent breeder of race horses, keeping some of the best stock in this section of the state. He is an exceptionally good judge of live stock of all kinds, especially horses, and has owned such notable horses as "Robert Milton," 2:08¼; "Vandola," 2:09¼, and "Kitty Kingston," 2:16¼, as well as various other fine horses, including "Sir Milton," 2:05¼; "Florence Stanton," 2:13¼; "Lady Espy," 2:15¼; "Dorcas Moore," 2:14¼; "Lucile E.," 2:10¼; "Edna the Great," 2:15¼; "Angie Berry," 2:10¼, and "Alta W.," 2:08½. Mr. Powell's fine horses are always greatly admired by all who see them, and he has gained a national reputation in his line, being one of the best-known horsemen in the country. He has exhibited his fine stock



throughout the state, is one of the best of the present-day drivers and has traveled a great many of the race circuits in the United States. Politically, Mr. Powell is a Republican.

On March 24, 1893, Elmer E. Powell was united in marriage to Carrie J. Crain, daughter of James L. and Martha Ann (Todd) Crain, of this county, both now deceased, the former of whom was born in this county and the latter in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, fourteen miles from the city of Harrisburg, the capital of that state. James L. Crain was born on Pretty Prairie, in Urbana township, this county, son of Lewis Fisher Crain, who was born near Flemingsburg, Kentucky. Lewis Fisher Crain married Clara Phifer, a native of Virginia, and then came to Ohio, spending the rest of his life in this part of the state. He died in 1834 and his widow died in 1859. They were the parents of eight children. James L. Crain died on March 26, 1904. His wife had preceded him to the grave eight years before, lacking one day, her death having occurred on March 25, 1896. They were the parents of five children, of whom but two are now living, Mrs. Powell having a sister, Miss Clara A. Crain. Mrs. Lucinda J. Espy, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Mrs. Louise C. Phleger, of Springfield, this state, are sisters of the late James L. Crain.

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#### R. M. WERDELL.

R. M. Werdell, manager of the Urbana Canning Company at Urbana, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, December 17, 1868, a son of John and Mary (Clearwater) Werdell, the former a native of England and the latter of Pennsylvania. John Werdell immigrated to the United States when a young man and settled in the state of New York, where he worked out as a farm hand for some time, later moving to Ohio and locating in Pickaway county, where he married and bought a farm, on which he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1914, at an advanced age. His wife died in 1881. They were parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only one living in Champaign county.

R. M. Werdell grew to manhood on the home farm in Pickaway county, where he worked during the summer months. He received his education in the rural schools, and after leaving school continued farming with his father for a short time, then worked on the railroad for three years, after which he returned to farming and rented a place for two years. He then engaged in the carriage manufacturing business for a short time and then became connected with the canning factory business at Circleville, Ohio.

remaining there until 1904, in which year he located in Urbana and helped to organize the McCoy Canning Company, with which he remained until 1916, when he resigned, and in March, 1917, became manager of the Urbana Canning Company, and is now operating the same with his usual industry and success, building up a large and satisfactory business and equipping the plant with the most modern devices for rapid and high grade work. He understands the canning business thoroughly.

In 1899 Mr. Werdell was married to Mary Catherine Reid, a daughter of Andrew and Catherine Reid, and to this union three children have been born, Elouise, Delmar and Elden. Mr. Werdell is an independent voter. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### PEARL S. HANNA.

Pearl S. Hanna, a well-known farmer of Mad River township, this county, living on rural mail route No. 1, out of Tremont, was born in that township on March 23, 1878, son of C. B. and Margaret (Nichols) Hanna, who are now living retired at Urbana. C. B. Hanna was born in Virginia, a son of Chyle Hanna and wife, who came into Ohio during the Civil War period, later returning to Virginia, but after a while came back into Ohio and became residents of Champaign county, where C. B. Hanna grew to manhood and married, settling on a farm in Mad River township, moving thence, after a while to a farm in Concord township, where he remained until his retirement and removal to Urbana in 1916. To him and his wife two children were born, the subject of this sketch having had a brother, Emmet Hanna, who died when twenty-three years of age.

Reared on the home farm, Pearl S. Hanna received his schooling in the schools of Concord township and after his marriage at the age of twenty-two years settled on a farm in Concord township, where he remained until 1911, when he moved to the farm on which he is now living, in Mad River township, and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. Hanna is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On June 6, 1900, Pearl S. Hanna was united in marriage to Zalia B. Offenbacher, who was born in Concord township, this county, and to this union three children have been born, Homer, born on March 28, 1904; Lucile, July 4, 1907, and Warren, December 11, 1908. The Hannas have a pleasant home in Mad River township and take a proper interest in the general social activities of their home neighborhood.

## WILLIAM A. BRAND.

No volume of biography in Champaign county would be complete without fitting reference to the life and the services to this community of William A. Brand, an honored veteran of the Civil War, formerly and for years editor of the old *Urbana Citizen and Gazette* and at the time of his death, in the spring of 1879, postmaster of Urbana, for he was for years one of the leaders in all proper movements hereabout, a man of large influence in civic and social affairs and a citizen who ever had the welfare of the public very close to his heart; so that at his passing he left a good memory, a memory still precious to the old settlers of this county and to which the biographer here pays passing tribute in order that the present generation may know something of the life and character of this brave soldier and fearless editor.

William A. Brand was a native son of Champaign county and here spent all his life save those hard and trying years spent in the service of his country in camp and on the battle fields of the South during the days of the Civil War. He was born on a farm in Union township, July 9, 1837, a son of Joseph C. and Lavina (Talbot) Brand, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia, for many years regarded as among the most influential residents of this county and further and fitting mention of whom is made in a memorial sketch of Major Joseph C. Brand, presented elsewhere in this volume, together with additional details concerning the Brand family in this county and some interesting genealogical data along that line. When William A. Brand was but a boy his parents moved from the farm to Urbana and there he received his early schooling. Upon completing the course in the public schools he entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and after a comprehensive course there took up the study of law under the able preceptorship of Judge John H. James and there qualified for entrance to the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1858. Shortly afterward he formed a partnership for the practice of his profession with Hon. Moses Corwin and that mutually agreeable arrangement continued until the latter's death. On July 12, 1859, Mr. Brand was united in marriage to Frances R. Saxton, daughter of Joshua Saxton, founder of the *Citizen and Gazette*, now known as the *Urbana Daily Citizen*, and established his home at Urbana, where he was living, engaged in the practice of the law, when the Civil War broke out.

Responding to the call of the President for volunteers, Mr. Brand

enlisted for service with the Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which his father, Major Brand, had helped to organize, and in January, 1862, accompanied that regiment to the field. He served with that command in every campaign in which it engaged and was gradually promoted until he attained the rank of regimental quartermaster, which commission he resigned after the declaration of peace and while the regiment was at Washington waiting to be mustered out. During his long service at the front Mr. Brand was a regular correspondent of one of the home papers, writing, under the anagrammatic *nom de plume* of "D. N. Arbaw," truthful and graphic description of some of the most important campaigns and battles of the war, a historical service that was greatly appreciated by the readers of that paper and which was regarded as so valuable a review of the war from the view point of the talented correspondent that his articles were widely copied by the newspapers of the state. The experience gained in that service fitted Mr. Brand for a further service, which he entered upon some years after his return from the army—that of compiling a history of some of the more important campaigns in which he had participated, and a portion of this valuable extension of his war-time letters had been prepared and published at the time of his death; it being a matter of lasting regret among his Grand Army comrades and the public at large that he did not live to complete the peculiarly illuminating series.

Upon his return from the army Mr. Brand decided to turn his talents to newspaper work and to that end purchased a half interest in the *Citizen and Gazette* and in association with his father-in-law, Joshua Saxton, became editor of that sterling old publication, a service he continued until his death and in connection with which service he became an invaluable personal factor in the promotion of the cause of the Republican party in this county and throughout the state, his strong editorial influence making of his paper one of the most influential organs of that party in the state. In the latter seventies Mr. Brand's health began to fail and thinking a change from his long and arduous editorial labors might prove beneficial he accepted a commission as postmaster of Urbana, the first and only civil office he ever held (for he had never aspired to public office, ever feeling that his duties as an editor were more imperative than any others that could be imposed), and he entered upon the duties of that office in January, 1878, and was serving as postmaster of Urbana at the time of his death on May 14, 1879, he then lacking a little less than two months of being forty-two years of age.

No man of his period was held in higher regard in Urbana and through-

out this county than was William A. Brand and when the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Urbana in the eighties that post was given the name it still bears, in his honor and as a fitting tribute to his memory on behalf of his comrades. As a man, William A. Brand was chivalrous, generous, charitable and high-minded and was a friend to all, a constant and consistent promoter of all good works. He was active in the work of several of the local fraternal organizations and was a recognized leader in all with which he was connected. He had served as the great sachem for the state of Ohio of the Improved Order of Red Men, was a past chancellor commander of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, was prominent in the ranks of the Odd Fellows, a member of the encampment of that order, and was a past master of the Ancient Order of United Mechanics.

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#### AMAZIAH J. MCCOLLY.

The late Amaziah J. McColly, who died at his home in Wayne township, this county, March 3, 1891, was a native son of Ohio and lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Logan on March 8, 1847, son of John and Margaret McColly, the former of whom was born in that same county and the latter in the state of Virginia, she having come to Ohio with her parents in the days of her youth, the family settling in Logan county. John McColly died in 1877 and his widow survived until 1886. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom four are still living, namely: James, of Hartford City, Indiana; Anna, widow of William Johnson, who is now living at Mansfield, this state; Etta, widow of John Jones, of Huntington, Indiana, and Wellington, of this county.

Amaziah J. McColly was reared on the home farm in Logan county and remained a farmer all his life. He received his schooling in the schools of the neighborhood of his home and remained at home until his marriage in the fall of 1870, when he located on the farm on which his widow is now living in Wayne township, this county, and there he spent the remainder of his life, one of the progressive and well-to-do farmers of that neighborhood, his death occurring, as noted above, on March 3, 1891. Mr. McColly was an ardent Republican and took an active interest in political affairs, ever doing his part as a good citizen to promote the cause of good government in the community in which he lived, and was for many years director of



schools in his home district. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Cable and took an active interest in the affairs of that organization, as well as in the general affairs of the community.

On September 1, 1870, Amaziah J. McColly was united in marriage to Cinderella Wilson, who was born on the farm on which she is now living, in Wayne township, this county, daughter of Thomas and Lockey Wilson, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania on April 4, 1802, and the latter, in Adams county, this state, August 9, 1807. Thomas Wilson was married in Adams county and in 1830 he and his wife came to this county and settled on the farm on which Mrs. McColly is now living in Wayne township, starting their housekeeping in a double log house he erected in a clearing there, and set about the difficult task of clearing a farm in the woods. In 1845 he erected the brick house which still serves as a residence on the place, burning the lime and the bricks for the same on the place, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that neighborhood, Thomas Wilson dying in December, 1873, his widow surviving until July 3, 1879. They were members of the Baptist church, holding membership first in the Kings Creek church, then in the church at Middleton and later at Mingo, and ever took an interested part in church work, Mr. Wilson for years serving as a deacon. Politically, he was a Democrat. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. McColly was the eighth in order of birth, the others being as follow: James, who married Marietta Wilson and spent his last days on his farm in Wayne township; Hiram, also now deceased, who married Maria Barley and lived on the old homestead place; William, also now deceased, who married Macy Winder and lived in Wayne township; Catherine, who married Washington Wilson and died at Laporte, Indiana; Isaac, who was a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, serving as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and who died unmarried; David, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Hannah, widow of Charles McColly, who is now living at North Lewisburg, and Margaret, who died at the age of six years. Charles McColly, who, married Hannah Wilson, was a well-known farmer of Wayne township, who died on April 14, 1913. During the Civil War he served for three years and eleven days as a member of Company E, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after the war settled on a farm in Wayne township. He and his wife were the parents of three children, John, who died in 1873, at the age of six years; Lena, wife of John McKillip, of Brooklyn, New York,



and Albert, a farmer and stockman, of Rush township. Albert McColly has been twice married, his first wife having been Victoria Bates and his second, Maude Enoch, and has two children, Irene and Charles.

Of the three children born to Amaziah J. and Cinderella (Wilson) McColly, William R. and Isaac Green are still living. William R. McColly was born on the old homestead in Wayne township on July 1, 1871, and is now farming the home place. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He has two children, Ruth Lucile and Don. Isaac G. McColly was born on April 18, 1875, and has been engaged in farming all his life, in addition to which he also operates a threshing-rig in season. He married Edna Grubb and has two children, Walter D. and Dorothy Dale. Another child, Irene, died at the age of eleven years. Mrs. Cinderella McColly is a member of the Baptist church and has ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works of her home community and in the general social activities of the neighborhood, helpful in numerous ways in promoting the general welfare of the community in which she has lived all her life.

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### JOHN M. DILTZ.

John M. Diltz, a farmer of Union township, this county, was born in the locality where he still resides and has been content to spend his life in his own community. He is a son of Joseph and Mary (Millage) Diltz, the father a native of West Liberty, Union county, Ohio, and the mother, of Rush township, Champaign county. When fourteen years old Joseph Diltz came to Champaign county and worked out as a farm hand until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Company I, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which command he served for four years and eleven months, during which he took part in many of the leading battles of the war and he was regarded by his comrades and officers as a brave, efficient and loyal soldier for the Union. He was a prisoner for five months at Andersonville, Georgia, and was also a prisoner for some time at Wilmington, North Carolina. Antietam was one of the principal engagements he was in. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and returned to Champaign county and turned his attention to farming in Union township, remaining there until his death, which occurred on July 29, 1910, at an advanced age. He had been successful as a general farmer and took

an interest in the affairs of his neighborhood. His family consisted of five children, three of whom are still living, namely: Joseph, Elmer and John.

John Diltz grew to manhood on the home farm in Union township, this county, where he worked when he became of proper age, and in the winter time he attended the rural schools in his district. When a young man he worked out as a farm hand for some time. Upon the death of his father he took over the home place of seventy-two acres, which he has since operated, keeping it well cultivated and well improved. He was married in 1912 to Elizabeth Perry, a daughter of George Perry and wife. Politically, he is a Republican.

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### WILLIAM J. ABBOTT.

William J. Abbott, for many years one of Concord township's best-known and most substantial farmers, now living retired at Urbana, is a native of the neighboring county of Shelby, but has been a resident of this county since he was nine years of age. He was born on a farm in Shelby county on January 17, 1836, son of James and Susan (Slusser) Abbott, the former a native of the state of Pennsylvania and the latter of this state.

James Abbott was the son of William and Catherine Abbott, also natives of Pennsylvania, who came over into this section of Ohio in the early days of the settlement of the same and for some years thereafter operated a tavern north of Sidney, later moving to a farm near St. Paris, but still later returning to Shelby county, where they spent their last days. William Abbott and wife were the parents of five children. James Abbott was but a child when he came to this state with his parents and he grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Shelby county. There he married Susan Slusser, who died in 1839, leaving two sons, John and the subject of this biographical sketch. John Abbott served through the Civil War as a member of the Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and later became a substantial farmer. He married Ella Kiser, who after his death in 1875, married a Mr. Bear and is now living at Lena, this state. After the death of his first wife, James Abbott married Matilda Veach, of Virginia, and in 1845 came over into Champaign county and settled on a farm north of St. Paris, where he spent the remainder of his life. By his second marriage he was the father of five children, namely: Catherine, who married Jerry Carmony and after his death married a Mr. Houton, who also is now deceased; Jesse, a veteran of the Civil War, who



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married Angeline Evingham and whose last days were spent at Millerstown, where he was engaged as a blacksmith; Margaret, who is now living near Millerstown, widow of David Kessler; Harriet, who married Doctor Tait and is now deceased, and David, also now deceased, who married Jennie Jenkins and was a farmer near Millerstown. James Abbott was a Whig in his political affiliation and by religious persuasion was a member of the Reformed church.

As noted above, William J. Abbott was but nine years of age when his father moved to this county and he grew up on the home farm in the vicinity of St. Paris. He completed his schooling at the Delaware Academy and at the age of nineteen years began to teach school and was thus engaged, during the winters, for twelve years. In the meantime, in 1877, he bought a farm of seventy-nine acres in Concord township and after his marriage in the spring of 1878 established his home there and continued to reside there, actively engaged in farming, until 1911, when he retired from the farm and moved to Urbana, where he is now living, very comfortably situated. Mr. Abbott is a Republican and during his residence on the farm was for many years a member of the school board in his local district.

It was on May 13, 1858, that William J. Abbott was united in marriage to Emily V. Compton, who was born at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, in 1840, daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Weer) Compton, of Virginia. Samuel Compton was a carpenter. He died in the city of Baltimore and his widow and her six children in 1852 came to Ohio and located in Concord township, this county, where she spent the remainder of her life, her death occurring at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott in her eighty-third year. Of the six children of Samuel Compton and wife above referred to, Mrs. Abbott was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: George H., deceased; David H., who was killed at the battle of Ft. Donelson, Tennessee, while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War; Samuel, a veteran of the Civil War, and Ann and James, who died unmarried.

To William J. and Emily V. (Compton) Abbott ten children were born, namely: Charles, who is engaged in the real estate business at Chicago; John H., a farmer in Concord township, this county; Anna M., who married W. S. Wilson, of Concord township; Minnie, wife of Dr. W. H. Hinkle, of DeGraff; Emma Maude, wife of D. H. Taylor, of Urbana; Oney J., wife of Dr. C. E. Stadler, of Lima; Walter, deceased; William, deceased; Ora, wife of Dr. T. E. Barger, of Urbana, and Chester P., a farmer in Concord township. Mrs. Abbott died on February 12, 1917.

## SAMUEL J. ROBINSON.

Samuel J. Robinson, a well-known blacksmith and manufacturer at Mechanicsburg, is a native of New York state, but has been a resident of Ohio since he was three or four years of age and of Champaign county since he was seven years of age, having come to this county with his parents from Cincinnati in 1861. He was born on September 16, 1854, son of James A. and Margaret (Sullivan) Robinson, the former of whom was a native of Ireland, born at Stewartstown, County Armagh, in 1815, and who grew up there, becoming a stonemason, remaining in his native land until he was twenty-four years of age, when he came to this country and located in New York City. Not long after coming to America, James A. Robinson married, in New York, Margaret Sullivan, and after his marriage continued to make his home in that state until 1858. In that year he moved with his family to Cincinnati, where he remained until 1861. When he came to Champaign county, he settled on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Mechanicsburg, living there until his retirement from the farm and removal to Mechanicsburg, where he bought a home and where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, in which faith they reared their eight children, of whom six are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Mary J., wife of W. R. Taylor; Elizabeth A., wife of S. F. Snyder; Lucy E., widow of Henry Waldron; Ella, wife of Joseph Boler, and William, of Springfield, this state.

As noted above, Samuel J. Robinson was but a small child when he came to Ohio with his parents from New York and was about seven years of age when the family moved from Cincinnati to Mechanicsburg. He grew to manhood at the latter place, receiving his early education in the local schools. When twenty years of age, he began to learn the trade of blacksmith in the shop of J. N. Shawl at Mechanicsburg, and was engaged in that shop for fourteen years, at the end of which time he bought the place from the proprietor. Later he sold that shop and then built the well-established place just at the edge of the corporation line which he since has been conducting and in the operation of which he has been quite successful. In addition to his general blacksmithing, Mr. Robinson does quite a business in the manufacture of combination racks and is doing very well. Mr. Robinson is a Republican and takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs, but has not been a seeker after office.



On March 30, 1879, Samuel J. Robinson was united in marriage to Minnie Owen, who was born in Mechanicsburg. To this union five children have been born, namely: Cherry A., wife of Z. E. Rutan; Nellie, wife of J. W. Lanon; J. Bruce, who married Lulu Neer and is engaged in the blacksmithing business with his father; Effie E., wife of Clay Rutan, and Nancy B., who is at home with her parents. The Robinsons are members of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Robinson is a member of the local lodges of the Masons and the Odd Fellows, being past noble grand of the latter lodge, and he and his wife are members of the local lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah.

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#### AMASA T. CORBET.

Amasa T. Corbet, a farmer of Wayne township, was born on the old homestead near Brush Lake, Rush township, this county, July 4, 1849, a son of Amasa and Experience (Walburn) Corbet. The father was born in the state of New York, but his parents brought him to Champaign county, Ohio, when he was a child, the family locating in the wilderness near Brush Lake, where they began life in true pioneer fashion and cleared and developed a farm. The father of the subject of this sketch had one brother, who died when eight years of age, and one sister, Julia, who married James Bay, of Bloomington, Illinois. John and Matilda Walburn, the maternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch were also pioneers of Goshen township, this county, spending the rest of their lives on a farm there. They had three children, namely: Experience, mother of the subject of this sketch; a daughter, and John.

Amasa Corbet, Sr., grew to manhood on the home farm in Rush township. He received an excellent education in the home schools, and he lived at home until his marriage. He devoted his life to general farming in Rush township, dying there in September, 1861, at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife also died at the age of fifty-eight, January 6, 1863. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church first, but later joined the Methodist Protestant church. Politically, he was a Republican. To these parents ten children were born, namely: David, who married Lorenda Stowe, located on a farm in Rush township and died there in May, 1892; John, who engaged in farming near North Lewisburg, this county, married Elizabeth Jordan; Lewis, who first married Marinda Bonsel, and later

Rosanna Good and established his home on a farm in Rush township; Olive, who married John Swisher, a farmer of Rush township; Martha, who married Oliver Colwell and who, as well as her husband, is deceased; Benjamin, who married Susan Swisher and farmed for some time in Champaign county, finally moving to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he died; William, a former farmer and teacher of Wayne township, Champaign county, who married Sarah Wilson, and who as well as his wife, is now deceased; Marion, who married Rebecca Wilson and is engaged in farming in Wayne township; Mary Eliza, who died when three years of age, and Amasa T., the subject of this sketch.

Amasa T. Corbet grew to manhood on the home farm and received his education in the public schools of his township and in Urbana. He remained on the home farm until the death of his parents, working on the farm during the crop seasons. He followed school teaching for a period of thirteen years, in Rush and Wayne townships, also in Cable and Middleton, giving eminent satisfaction to both pupils and patrons, ranking among the popular and efficient educators of the county during that period, and his services were in demand.

On October 17, 1869, Amasa T. Corbet married Nancy J. Wilson, who was born in Wayne township, this county, July 1, 1841, a daughter of David K. and Elizabeth (Creamer) Wilson, both natives of Clark county, Ohio. The Wilsons came to Champaign county about 1839, locating in Wayne township, where they developed a farm from the wilderness and spent the rest of their lives there. They were members of the Baptist church. To David K. Wilson and wife the following children were born: Sarah, who married William Corbet, of Wayne township; Rebecca, who married Marion Corbet, of Wayne township; Nancy J., who married the subject of this sketch; Laura Alice, who died when eleven years of age; Christine, who married A. W. Devore, of Wayne township; Margaret, widow of James Harris, of Wayne township; Nettie, who married, first, Homer Spain, and, secondly James H. Beltz, and is living at North Lewisburg, Ohio, and Emma, who married, first, Oliver T. Haines, and, secondly, Reuben P. Bruce, of Wayne township.

After his marriage Amasa T. Corbet located on his present farm, known as the John Hale place, in Wayne township, and here he has been successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising ever since. He owns one hundred and thirty acres, all well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. He has an attractive home in the midst of beautiful surroundings. He raises fine sheep, Poland China and Jersey Red hogs.

Mr. Corbet is a Republican and was justice of the peace for nine years, discharging his duties in an able, faithful and highly acceptable manner. He has also served as school director and has long been active and influential in local public affairs. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Cable, of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Mingo and of the Grange at Woodstock. He belongs to the Methodist Protestant church. He is well and favorably known throughout the locality where he has spent his life.

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### ALBERT CHENEY.

Having been successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, Albert Cheney is now spending his declining years in the quiet of his cosy home in Mechanicsburg. He was born in Union township, this county, August 8, 1841, and here he has been content to spend his life, having lived to see many important changes "come over the face of the land" since he was a boy. He is a son of Jonathan and Rachael (Williams) Cheney, the latter a native of Maryland and the former of Vermont, they having removed to Champaign county single, with their respective parents, in their youth. The Williams family located in Goshen township, among the early settlers and the Cheney family in Union township. It was in that neighborhood that the parents of the subject of this sketch were married and established their home on the farm. Both the Williams and the Cheney families became well and favorably known in their respective communities. The older members of these families spent the rest of their lives in Goshen and Union townships. B. F. Cheney, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Vermont. Jonathan Cheney, mentioned above, devoted his active life to general farming in Union township. His death occurred at the early age of forty-seven, but his widow survived to the age of seventy-three. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To these parents ten children were born, namely: William, a soldier in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War, becoming captain of his company, and who died a few years after the war; John, also deceased; James Henry, who served in the war between the states in the same company and regiment with his brother William, and who also is now deceased; Albert, the subject of this sketch; Edwin D., deceased; Rachael

Ann, deceased; Emily, deceased; Jonathan M., deceased; Austin, who is living in Springfield, Ohio, and Minerva J., deceased.

Albert Cheney received a common-school education and lived at home until he was twenty-four years old. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which his brother William was captain. He was sent into Virginia and served under General Butler, seeing service on the James river and at Cumberland, Maryland. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and returned home, operating the homestead in Union township for two years, then rented a farm a year, then bought a farm of forty-seven and one-half acres north of Mechanicsburg, on which he lived for six years, at the end of which time he sold out and bought one hundred and fifty-seven acres in Clarke county. After living there five years he bought ninety-three acres, a part of his father's old farm in Union township, Champaign county, where he continued farming with his usual success until 1883, when he moved to Mechanicsburg and has since looked after his farm and the live-stock business.

Mr. Cheney was married in Clark county, Ohio, to Ruhamah Bumgardner, who was born and reared in that county. Mr. Cheney is a staunch Republican. He belongs to the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Mechanicsburg. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church there, of which he has served as trustee, and has long been active in church work. He is well and favorably known throughout the county.

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### JACOB W. BARGER.

The late Jacob W. Barger, for years a well-known and substantial farmer and stockman of Concord township and former township trustee, who died at his home in that township in the spring of 1912, and whose widow is now living at Urbana, was a native son of Champaign county, born in Concord township, and all his life was spent there. He was born on November 14, 1854, son of Mathew and Sarah Barger, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in this county, whose last days were spent in Concord township. Mathew Barger's mother died when he was but an infant and he was but two years of age when his father came from Virginia to Ohio and settled in Champaign county, becoming a pioneer farmer of Concord township. There Mathew Barger grew to manhood, became a farmer on his own account, married, established a comfortable home and

spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had two sisters, Belle and Mary.

Reared on the home farm in Concord township, Jacob W. Barger received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and early became a valued assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home place. After his marriage he bought a farm of two hundred acres in Concord township and began farming on his own account. From the beginning of his operations he was successful and he later bought an adjoining forty, becoming one of the most substantial farmers in that neighborhood. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Barger gave considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock and did very well, continuing actively engaged in his agricultural pursuits until his death on March 16, 1912, he then being in the fifty-eighth year of his age. Mr. Barger took an active interest in the civic affairs of his community and for one term served as trustee of his home township. Politically, he was an ardent Prohibitionist and an uncompromising foe of the liquor traffic. He was a member of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church and had served as class leader, steward, trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school, for many years one of the leaders in the local congregation.

In 1887 Jacob W. Barger was united in marriage to Mary Taylor, who was born in Concord township, this county, daughter of Archibald and Sarah (Hough) Taylor, the former of whom was born in Scotland and the latter in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families of Concord township. Archibald Taylor was but a boy when he came to this country from Scotland with his parents, Donald Taylor and wife, about 1822, the family settling in Champaign county. Not long afterward Donald Taylor moved down into Clark county with his family but presently returned to Champaign county and settled in Concord township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1841. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Archibald was the third in order of birth. Archibald Taylor grew up in this county, married here, established his home on a farm in Concord township and there spent the rest of his life, a substantial farmer. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom two are still living, Mrs. Barger having a brother, Daniel H. Taylor, of Urbana.

To Jacob W. and Mary (Taylor) Barger were born three children, namely: Mabel, who married John C. Baker and has three children, Margaret, Donald and Robert; Charles, who married Clara Bodey, and Ruth, who married Arlie Brownfield and has one child, a daughter, Wanda. Since

the death of her husband Mrs. Barger has been making her home in Urbana, where she is very comfortably situated. She is a member of the Methodist church and has ever taken an interested part in church works, as well as in other local good works.

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### WILLIAM INSTINE.

For many years William Instine was actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Salem township, Champaign county, and, accumulating a competency, he has retired from life's strenuous endeavors and is now making his home in the village of Kingston, Ohio. He was born in the above-named township on February 23, 1859, a son of Henry and Malinda Instine, both also natives of Champaign county, where they grew up, attending school and were married, after which they established their permanent home on a farm in Salem township. As a young man the father worked as a laborer, helping clear land, and also helped build the old Instine Tavern, which long stood on the state road in Salem township. He burned most of the brick that went into that building. After his marriage he followed farming exclusively for himself, but at the same time conducted the tavern, after his father's death, which occurred in 1854. His father was Michael Instine, a native of Pennsylvania, from which state he came to Champaign county, in an early day, and it was he who started the Instine Tavern, a well-known hostelry in pioneer times. He also bought and sold live stock, frequently driving droves of hogs to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Instine, father of the subject of this sketch, was born on February 12, 1824, and died on September 1, 1902. His wife was born on May 19, 1821, and died on August 25, 1893. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom, Samuel, Joseph, Henry, William, Mary, Catherine and Malinda, are still living. Caroline and Elnora are deceased.

William Instine grew up on the home place and attended the common schools. He remained at home, continuing to work with his father at general farming until the latter's death, when he bought one hundred and seventy-five acres, which he operated five years, then moved to Kingston and retired. In connection with general farming he carried on stock raising, feeding about one hundred head of hogs annually for the market. He was married in 1887 to Anna E. Moyer, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Moyer. She was a native of Snyder county, Pennsylvania, where also occurred the birth of her parents, who were married there. Jacob Moyer





MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM INSTINE.



was born in 1833. He was a son of Daniel and Leah Moyer, also of Snyder county, Pennsylvania, where they spent their last days. Jacob Moyer received his education in the schools of his native county, after which he began teaching, following that profession in the public schools of his native county for six years, and meanwhile serving as justice of the peace. He came to Champaign county in 1881 and engaged in farming until his death in 1884. He was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church. His family consisted of the following children: Anna E., Leah Catherine, Margaret, Martin L., John D., Ida, Mae, Effie and Norah.

Mr. and Mrs. William Instine have three children, namely: Ruth, who married Robert Duncan; Jeanette, who married Rush Harvey and lives at King's Creek, and John, who married Florence Yates and has one son, William Joseph, who lives with his grandparents, our subject and wife.

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#### SIMEON L. RUSSELL.

The older residents of the Mingo neighborhood in the northern part of this county have not forgotten Simeon L. Russell, who in the latter sixties was a merchant at Mingo and for some years afterward a farmer in that community, who later moved to Cleveland, where he died in the summer of 1878. His widow, who is still living, for years a resident of North Lewisburg, this county, is a native of this part of the state, and retains very vivid recollections of the earlier days in this section.

Simeon L. Russell was born in Belmont county, over in the eastern part of Ohio, August 15, 1841, son of Wesley and Edith Russell, both of whom were born in that same county and both of Virginian parentage, their respective parents having been early settlers of that county, moving over there from Virginia in pioneer days. Wesley Russell was a substantial farmer and he and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity and four of whom are still living, namely: Luther, who is living near Mingo, this county; Everett, of Iola, Kansas; Jeremiah, who continues to live in Belmont county, Ohio, and Nora, of Iola, Kansas.

Reared on the home farm in Belmont county, Simeon L. Russell received his schooling in the common schools of his home county and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service in 1862, in behalf of the Union, and went to the front as a member of Company B,

One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the army of General Grant, and with that command served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service, in 1865, Mr. Russell came over into this part of the state and located at Mingo, in this county, where he engaged in the mercantile business. Two years later, in 1867, he married and after being engaged in merchandising for three years rented a farm in the Mingo neighborhood and was there engaged in farming for five years, at the end of which time he moved up to Cleveland and in that vicinity became actively engaged in cultivating a vineyard and was thus engaged until his death on July 26, 1878, he then lacking less than a month of being thirty-seven years of age. Though reared a Quaker, Mr. Russell died in the faith of the Methodist church.

On October 8, 1867, Simeon L. Russell was united in marriage to Anna M. Hunter, who was born in the Mingo valley on September 27, 1842, a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Johnson) Hunter, the former of whom was born in Greenbriar county, Virginia, and the latter in Guernsey county, this state, who were among the most useful and influential residents of the Mingo neighborhood at that time. Thomas Hunter was but a boy when his parents, Nathaniel and Ann Hunter, natives of Scotland, came from Virginia to Ohio in 1820 and settled in Logan county, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives, Nathaniel Hunter becoming a substantial farmer. He and his wife reared their children in the faith of the Methodist church. There were six of these children, Alexander, Jane, Thomas, John, Elizabeth and Samuel. Thomas Hunter grew up in the Mingo valley and from the days of his boyhood gave much attention to educational affairs. He became a prosperous farmer and was one of the founders of Delaware College, to the funds of which he was a liberal contributor. He was an earnest Methodist and gave liberally to the establishment of churches, both for white and colored worshippers, and was for years one of the leaders of the Methodist church at Mingo. He was one of the first four persons to vote the Abolition ticket in this section of the state and during ante-bellum days was an acknowledged leader of the Abolition forces throughout this part of the state, ever helpful in the cause of the freedmen.

Thomas Hunter was twice married. His first wife, Mary Evans, died eight years after marriage, leaving two children, both of whom are now deceased. In 1840 he married, secondly, Nancy Johnson, who was born in Guernsey county, this state, daughter of James and Margaret Johnson, natives

of that same county, who later became early settlers and substantial farmers of the Mingo neighborhood in this county. James Johnson and wife were the parents of five children, Nancy, Elizabeth, Margaret, William and Isaac. To Thomas and Nancy (Johnson) Hunter seven children were born, of whom Mrs. Russell was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Margaret, deceased; Sarah E., wife of Col. M. L. Dempsey, of Cleveland, Ohio; Frances, now deceased, who was the wife of Leroy Wright, of Vermont; Thomas, former representative in the Legislature from this district, who married Emma Robinson, of Marion, this state, and is now living the life of a retired farmer; Hale, a former well-known lawyer at Urbana, who is now practicing his profession at Cleveland, and Agnes, now deceased, who was the wife of Marion Guthridge, a well-known merchant at Mingo.

To Simeon L. and Anna M. (Hunter) Russell were born three sons, Harry C., Frank G. and Kirk L., all of whom are living. Harry C. Russell, formerly a farmer in the Mingo neighborhood, is now keeping hotel at Mingo. He married May McCartney, of Mingo, and he and his wife take an active part in the general affairs of that pleasant village. Frank G. Russell married Myrtle Sprinkle, of Huntington, Indiana, and for the past eleven years has been engaged as traffic manager for the International Harvester Company, with headquarters at Akron, this state, where he and his wife make their home. Kirk L. Russell, who married Leola Gilliland, is now living at Washington, D. C., where he has been connected with the postoffice department for the past nine or ten years. He formerly was a telegraph operator at Mingo and was afterward for some time an operator in the United States naval service. Mrs. Russell returned to her old home at Mingo not long after her husband's death and has ever since made her home in this county, now a resident of North Lewisburg. She has been a member of the Methodist church since she was sixteen years of age and has ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works and the various social and cultural activities of her home community. She was educated at Delaware College and for ten years before her marriage and for several years afterward taught school in her home neighborhood, many of the then youngsters of that community having cause to hold her in grateful remembrance. Mrs. Russell's recollections of former days in the Mingo valley are clear and distinct and there are few thereabout who have a more accurate knowledge of the history of that region since the days of the middle of the past century than she.

## THOMAS McCARTY.

Thomas McCarty, well-known farmer of Wayne township, was born near Brush Lake, Rush township, this county, September 5, 1849, and he has been contented to spend his life in his home community. He is a son of James and Sarah Ann (Leese) McCarty, both natives of Virginia. The father came to Champaign county with his parents, Stephen and Deborah McCarty, when he was young, the family locating in Rush township, among the early settlers. Stephen McCarty developed a good farm from the wilderness near Brush Lake, first building a log cabin, and he and his family endured the usual hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier. Here he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. They were parents of six children, James, Elizabeth, John, Daniel, Enoch and Thomas.

The maternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch were William and Susan (Hudson) Leese, both natives of Virginia from which state they immigrated to Ohio in an early day, settling in Rush township, Champaign county, where they cleared a farm and made a home by hard work and perseverance. They were parents of four children, Jacob, Thomas, Sarah Ann and a daughter who died in early life.

James McCarty, father of the subject of this review, grew to manhood on the home farm, where he worked hard, as did all sons of pioneers. He received a meager education, attending school in the old log school house in his community. He lived at home until his marriage, then located on a farm in Wayne township, where his son Thomas, the subject of this sketch, now resides. He moved to this place in 1853. He later went to Auglaize county, Ohio, where he bought a farm on which he resided for a period of sixteen years, then returned to this county, locating on a farm near Cable, in Wayne township, where he spent the rest of his life. His first wife died in Auglaize county while living there, and he subsequently married Nancy Johnson, a native of Champaign county. The following children were born by his first wife: Elizabeth, now deceased, who married A. Stratton; Thomas, the subject of this sketch; John, who died when eight years of age, and Deborah, the widow of Abner Stansley, of Mechanicsburg. Five children were born by the second marriage, two of whom died in early life, the other three being George, who lives in Bellefontaine, William and Augusta (deceased).

Thomas McCarty was reared to manhood on the home farm, where he worked when he became of proper age. He attended school in the old log



school house in his district, which was equipped with the usual puncheon seats and greased paper for window panes. He continued to live at home until he was twenty-one years old. He has been twice married, first, to Mrs. Martha (Kimball) Chatfield, of Rush township, this county. Her death occurred in 1908. She had two children, Eva, the wife of Lyman Wheeler, of Columbus, Ohio, and Susie, who died in early life. Mr. McCarty was married a second time, on January 17, 1908, to Anna Uncles, of Columbus, this state, a daughter of John H. and Susan A. (Harvey) Uncles, both now deceased. Mr. Uncles was a mechanic by trade and a fine workman. Mr. McCarty's second marriage has been without issue.

After his first marriage Mr. McCarty, in 1891, located on his present farm in Wayne township, known as the Lambern place, consisting of fifty acres, on which he has made a very comfortable living. Politically, he is a Republican. He belongs to the Methodist Protestant church at Jenkins Chapel.

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### JAMES L. SWISHER.

The late James L. Swisher, who died at his home in Union township in 1888 and whose widow is still living there, was born in that township and had lived in Champaign county all his life, with the exception of seventeen years spent farming in the neighboring county of Logan. He was born on June 9, 1833, son of John H. and Lucinda (Lowry) Swisher, the former of whom was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the latter in this county. John H. Swisher came to Champaign county as a young man and was here married about the year 1831. He established his home on a farm and was getting a good start toward the creation of a good farming property when he died in 1838. He and his wife were the parents of three children, of whom James L. was the first-born, the others being Joseph and Eliza J.

Reared on a farm in Union township, James L. Swisher received his schooling in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home and early became a practical farmer. After his marriage in the spring of 1861 he became engaged in farming on his own account, renting a farm in this county, but two years later moved to Logan county and for seventeen years thereafter was engaged in farming in that county. He then returned to Champaign county and located on a farm in Union township, later moving to

what then was known as the Perry farm on the Ludlow pike, and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on February 21, 1888, he then being in the fifty-fifth year of his age.

On April 9, 1861, James L. Swisher was united in marriage to Nancy McCulloch, who was born in the neighboring county of Logan, a daughter of George A. and Sophia (Mason) McCullough, both of whom were born in that same county and who spent all their lives there. George A. McCulloch was born on a pioneer farm on the Big Darby, near Zanesfield, and became a successful farmer and extensive stockman. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Swisher was the first-born, the others being Samuel C., Catherine, John, George, Benjamin, Sidney, Solomon, Mary, Minerva and William.

To James L. and Nancy (McCulloch) Swisher eight children were born, six of whom are still living, namely: Clara, who married W. G. J. Clark and had one child, a daughter, Nancy Virginia; John H., who married Myrtle B. Snyder; George L., who married Emma Capsidal and has one child, a daughter, Ethel; Perry, who married Eva Keef and has three children, Frank K., Hugh and Angus M.; William, who married Ella Snyder and has three children, Marjorie, Ruth and Lois, and Eliza Jane, who married William Thomas and has one child, a son, John Willis.

Perry Swisher, the fourth child in order of birth of the children born to James L. Swisher and wife, was born in Logan county on November 29, 1868, and was but a boy when his parents returned to this county and established their home in Union township. He completed his schooling in the schools of that township and early took up farming as a vocation. When twenty-five years of age he began farming on his own account and in 1903 bought the place on which he is now living, his widowed mother making her home with him and his family, and has ever since made that his place of residence, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Swisher has a fine farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, all of which is under cultivation save about twenty-five acres of woodland, and he has an excellent farm plant, his operations being carried on in accordance with up-to-date methods. He has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and is doing well. He makes a specialty of Duroc-Jersey hogs, having about a hundred head a year, and also raises excellent Red Polled cattle and Percheron horses. Mr. Swisher is a member of the Union Township Grange and has for years taken an active part in the affairs of that organization and in all movements having to do with the advancement

of the county's agricultural interests, having served for some time as a member of the county fair board. He is a Democrat and has rendered public service as a member of the school board. Mrs. Swisher is a member of the Union Methodist Episcopal church.

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### ALBERT KINSMAN MOODY.

The late Albert Kinsman Moody, who died at his home in Union township, this county, February, 1905, was born in New Hampshire, but had been a resident of this county from the time he was fourteen years of age. He was born on December 6, 1828, son of John and Betsy Moody, both natives of New Hampshire, who left their home in that state with their family in 1842 and drove through by ox-team to Ohio, settling in Champaign county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Upon coming to this county, John Moody bought a considerable tract of land in Union township, where Don C. Moody now lives, and became a substantial and influential resident of that part of the county, one of the men who helped make that township one of the banner townships of the county. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the first-born, the others being Orin, Moses, Nancy and Eliza, and elsewhere in this volume there are found further references to this well-known family in Champaign county.

As noted above, Albert K. Moody was about fourteen years of age when he came to Champaign county with his parents and he completed his schooling in the schools of this county. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home place in Union township and in due time bought one hundred and seventy acres of the home tract and became an extensive farmer on his own account, later increasing his holdings to two hundred and forty acres. He also dealt extensively in land and made a specialty of raising high-grade live stock, doing much to promote the introduction of better strains in the herds of this county. On that well-established farm in Union township Albert K. Moody spent his last days, his death occurring there on February 18, 1905. He was a Democrat.

Mr. Moody was twice married, and by his first wife, who was Jennie Groves, was the father of four children, William, of Springfield, Ohio; Frank, of Hamilton, Ohio; Betty, dead, and Harry, dead. Following the

death of the mother of these children, Mr. Moody married Margaret (Hendricks) Alexander, widow of Robert Alexander, and to that union were born four children, namely: Don C. Moody, a well-known farmer and former member of the school board of Union township, who married Alice Rupert and has three children, Eletha, Lloyd and Hazel; Arthur Moody, also a farmer in Union township, who is unmarried and makes his home with his brother, Don; Albert, a Mechanicsburg farmer and stock buyer, who married Florence Woodward and has three children, Eva, Christina and James; Mary, wife of James Mumma, of Clark county. To Mr. and Mrs. Mumma four children have been born, Harold, Nancy, Margaret and Roland, all of whom are living save Roland. Don C. Moody is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising and is one of the substantial residents of Union township. He is a Democrat, but has never aspired to public office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Mutual.

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#### ELIAS P. BLACK.

One of the best remembered citizens of Champaign county of a past generation, whose name is deserving of perpetuation on the pages of local history, was the late Elias P. Black, of Rush township. He was born in the above-named township, September 3, 1839, a son of Peter Black, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1786. When he was four years of age, Peter Black's parents, Samuel and Sarah Black, came with their family to this section of Ohio, making the overland trip by ox-team, and settled on a tract of land in what later came to be organized as Rush township, in this county, where Peter Black grew to manhood amid pioneer conditions, the family being one of the first in this part of Ohio, this being still an Indian country at that period. Here he married Marie Ann Hilliard, a native of Vermont, from which state she came to Champaign county with her parents when young. After his marriage Peter Black and wife began farming in Rush township, in partnership with a neighbor. They had but one team between them, this "team" consisting of a bull and a horse, which they worked for two years. His partner, Mr. Coon, then moved to Union county, locating near Byhalia, and there they engaged in making maple sugar which he hauled to Cincinnati, using the proceeds from the sale of the sugar to pay for his farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He was a partner with



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Samuel Harris and Mr. Coon. After paying for his farm he bought another tract of wild land, containing one hundred acres, which he paid for by making and selling "black salts", which was made from the ash of the timber which he cut from his land. Later he purchased fifty acres more land. He finally went to Kansas and bought seventeen hundred and sixty acres on the Osage river, in Anderson county, which tract was later owned by Judge F. M. Black, of Kansas City, Missouri. His death occurred at the age of seventy-three years. His wife died at the age of seventy-five. They were parents of seven children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Mrs. Lydia A. Archer, Judge Francis F., Delilah, Harriet H. and Elias P. of this memoir. Judge Francis M. Black became a prominent attorney in Kansas City, where he was a judge for eight years. He married Susan Geiger, of Dayton, Ohio, and four children were born to them Helen (deceased), Susan, Francis and Arthur.

Elias P. Black was the sixth child born to his parents. He was reared on the home farm and attended the common schools, then conducted in a log house, and later was a student at the Urbana high school and the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, but owing to his father's failing health he left school before graduation and returned home. After his father's death he took charge of the estate and remained with his mother until her death in 1885. He carried on general farming successfully and added dairying. At one time he had one hundred head of registered Jersey cows. He was the first man in his township to feed ensilage to cattle. He was a stockholder in the Woodstock Bank and was for some time president of the same. He was one of the most progressive men of affairs in his township. Politically, Mr. Black was a Democrat. He served as trustee of Rush township for a number of years and also was judge of elections at various times. He was active and influential in public affairs in Rush township.

In 1872 Elias P. Black married Leah R. White, who was born in Delaware county, Ohio. She is a daughter of Samuel and Rosannah (DeVore) White, both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania. The Whites were early settlers in Delaware county, Ohio, where Mr. White built a log cabin, cleared and developed a farm by hard work, and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, engaged in general farming. They were parents of six children, namely: Mary, who married Henry Fegley, of Delaware county; Catherine, now deceased, who was the wife of John McWilliams, of Independence, Iowa; Sylvanus W., who lives at Charlottesville, Virginia; Leah R., who married Mr. Black, the subject of this sketch; Jacob D., who

married Josephine Hurd and lives at North Lewisburg, and William Wesley, who lives on the old home place in Delaware county. He first married a Miss Knapp, later Emma Wheeler. The death of Elias P. Black occurred on July 12, 1912, he then being nearly seventy-three years of age.

Mrs. Black is a taxidermist of considerable note, and was formerly an excellent shot with a rifle and shotgun. She has written several songs and composed music. She has written a great deal of poetry. She is a woman of diversity of talents, well read; not only along current lines, but is acquainted with the world's best literature and science. She is well preserved in body and mind and her friends are numbered only by the limits of her acquaintance.

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### THOMAS THOMPSON.

Thomas Thompson, of Mechanicsburg, one of Champaign county's honored veterans of the Civil War and who is the bearer of a Medal of Honor voted to him by the Congress for conspicuous service to the Union rendered on the field of battle, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life with the exception of the time spent in the service of his country during the sixties. He was born on a farm in Wayne township on May 27, 1839, son of Abraham and Susan (Middleton) Thompson, the former a native of this state and the latter of Kentucky, whose last days were spent in Wayne township, this county.

Abraham Thompson grew to manhood in Brown county, this state, the county of his birth and was there married to Susan Middleton, who had moved with her parents from Kentucky to that county. Some time after their marriage he and his wife came to this county and settled on a farm in Wayne township, where they became useful and influential pioneers and prominent in the work of the Christian (Campbellite) church. Both died in that township. Abraham Thompson is buried in the Roher cemetery and his wife is buried in the cemetery at Jenkins Chapel. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the seventh in order of birth, the others being as follow: John, Margaret, James, Lettie, Winifred and Tallitha, all now deceased, and William, who is living at Cable, this county; Edward, living near Mingo; Susan, who lives at Lima, in Allen county; George, deceased, and Abraham, of Wayne township.

Reared on the home farm in Wayne township, Thomas Thompson received

his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, when, in 1857, he went to London, in the neighboring county of Madison, where he learned the trade of plasterer, and was there engaged in working at that trade when the Civil War broke out. Responding to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers to aid in the suppression of the rebellion of the Southern states, Mr. Thompson enlisted on April 15, 1861, as a private in Company C, Eagle Guards, and with that gallant command was sent into Virginia. That enlistment was for the three-months service and upon the completion of that term of service Mr. Thompson returned home and at Urbana re-enlisted as a private in Company A, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was again sent to Virginia. With the gallant Sixty-sixth Ohio Mr. Thompson served until the close of the war, participating in all the battles and campaigns in which his regiment took part, and thus experienced service in some of the most important engagements of the war. Not long after going to the front he was promoted to corporal, later to sergeant, and on July 13, 1865, two days before his final discharge, the war then being ended, was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, with which rank he was mustered out on July 15, 1865. At the battle of Chancellorsville, May 2, 1863, Mr. Thompson was one of four volunteers who brought in a number of wounded Confederate soldiers under fire. From these prisoners valuable information was obtained and in recognition of that conspicuous service in behalf of the Union the Congress voted to Mr. Thompson on July 11, 1892, the nation's Medal of Honor, a distinction which the brave old soldier prizes beyond the power of words to express. Mr. Thompson served with his command in defense of the upper Potomac and was later on duty for a while in New York City quelling the draft riots. His regiment was in the thickest of the fray in some of the most important engagements of the war and he thus participated in the battles of Port Republic, Middleton, Cedar Mountain, Kettle Run, Antietam, Charleston, Dumfries, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Kelly's Ford, Duck River Bridge, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Pea Vine Creek, Ringold, on the expedition down the Tennessee river to Gunstonville, the Atlanta campaign, including the engagements at Rocky Ford Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Pumpkinvine Creek, New Hope Church, Burnt Hickory, Kenesaw Mountain, Pine Mountain, Pine Knob, Kulp's Farm, Marietta, Chattahoochie River, Pearl Tree Creek and the siege of Atlanta. He was wounded in the left side at the battle of Chancellorsville, was hit in the left thigh by a fragment of a shell at the battle of Gettysburg, was

hit in the left knee at the battle of Peach Tree Creek and during the close of the Atlanta campaign was bit by a scorpion and was compelled to lie for some time in a hospital at Atlanta in consequence. During the service Mr. Thompson contracted rheumatism, which has left him badly crippled in his old age. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Thompson returned home and for thirty years thereafter was engaged at his trade as a plasterer, but of late years has not been able to perform active labors and has been living retired. In 1905 he and his wife moved to Mechanicsburg, where they are now living and where they are very pleasantly situated. Mrs. Thompson is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred acres in Goshen township and another farm of seventy acres in the neighborhood of Mutual.

Thomas Thompson has been twice married. His first wife, who was Martha L. Suver, of London, this state, died in 1875, without issue, and in September, 1877, Mr. Thompson married Sarah U. Fudger, who was born in Goshen township, this county, daughter of Peter and Sophia (Perry) Fudger, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Franklin county, this state. Peter Fudger was but a child when his parents moved from New Hampshire to Ohio and settled on a farm in Goshen township, this county, about two and one-half miles northeast of Mechanicsburg, where he grew to manhood and where he became a substantial and influential farmer in turn. Peter Fudger was twice married and by his first wife, Esther Davis, was the father of three children, Edward, Minerva and Leroy. By his second wife, Sophia Perry, he also was the father of three children, those besides Mrs. Thompson being Alanson, a well-known farmer and former member of the board of county commissioners of Champaign county, who died in July, 1914, and Horace M. Fudger, who is farming the old Fudger farm in Goshen township.

To Thomas and Sarah M. (Fudger) Thompson three children have been born, Sophia, who died at the age of six years; Frederick Earl, a Goshen township farmer, who married Mattie Tway and has ~~four~~ <sup>five</sup> children, Sarah L., Earl, Pearl and Martha, and Naomi, who married Fay Anderson and is living at Springfield. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Thompson is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and has for years taken an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. He is a Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in the affairs of these organizations also takes a warm interest.

## WILLIAM R. SHAUL.

William R. Shaul, a well-known retired merchant of Cable, this county, an honored veteran of the Civil War and one of the oldest citizens of Champaign county, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm about twelve miles west of Springfield, in Clark county, February 27, 1836, son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (McMillan) Shaul, both of whom also were born in this state, the former in Clark county and the latter in Trumbull county, who later became residents of Champaign county and here spent their last days.

Jeremiah Shaul was a son of Mathew Shaul, a Virginian and one of the pioneers of Clark county, this state, who became a substantial farmer in that county and a man of local influence in the early days. Mathew Shaul was twice married, his children by his first marriage having been Solomon, Cyrus, Amos, Jeremiah and Lemuel, and by his second marriage, William, Emma, Amanda and Rosanna. Jeremiah Shaul displayed unusual proficiency in his studies in his youth and became a school teacher, teaching school during the winters and farming during the summers. While living in Clark county, where he was reared, he married Elizabeth McMillan, daughter of one of the pioneer families of that section, and after his marriage continued to make his home there until 1849, when he came up into Champaign county with his family and settled on a farm in Wayne township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1885, he then being seventy-six years of age. His wife has preceded him to the grave about six years, her death having occurred in 1879. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: John M., for years a merchant at Urbana, who died in 1894; Joseph, a veteran of the Civil War and a farmer in Wayne township, this county, who died in 1869; Minerva, who married Eli Smith, of Clark county, this state, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Mary Jane, who married Joseph Coe, of Wayne township, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, and Lucinda, who married John Nitchman and died in Kansas.

William R. Shaul was about thirteen years of age when his parents moved up from Clark county into Champaign county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Wayne township, completing his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood, and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began farming on his own account, and was living



in that township when the Civil War broke out. In July, 1862, at Cable, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company E, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, joined his regiment at Camp Chase and with that command went South, shortly afterward participating with that command in the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, in which engagement nearly the whole of the Ninety-fifth Ohio was captured or scattered, Mr. Shaul being among those captured by the enemy. He was not exchanged until 1863, and he then, after a furlough of three months, rejoined his regiment, which meantime had been recruited up to fighting strength, at Memphis; later being sent to Grand Gulf, Louisiana, and was with Grant at the battle of Jackson, May 14, 1863, and later at the siege of Vicksburg. At the later battle of Guntown, Mississippi, Mr. Shaul again was captured by the enemy and was confined in Andersonville Prison, where he was compelled to remain for nine months and twenty days, or until March 28, 1865, when he was sent to the rear of Vicksburg, still as a prisoner, and after four weeks in camp there was put on board the ill-fated steamer "Sultana," which blew up in the Mississippi on April 27, 1865, with a loss of more than seventeen hundred lives. When the explosion occurred Mr. Shaul was fortunate in being able to lay his hands on a detached cabin shutter and with this support was able to make his way to the Tennessee shore, where he presently was picked up by the relief boat "Silver Spray" and with other survivors of that dreadful disaster was safely landed at Memphis, which place he left on April 29 and on the steamer "Belle of St. Louis" was transported to Cairo, Illinois, whence, by way of the Illinois Central railroad, he was transported to Mattoon, Illinois, and thence to Indianapolis and from the latter city to Columbus, the capital of his home state, where he arrived on May 6, 1865, and where he received his final discharge from the army on May 20, the war then being over.

Upon the completion of his military service, William R. Shaul returned home and resumed the pursuits of peace, engaging in farming for some time thereafter; but he presently gave up the farm and moved to Cable, where he engaged in the mercantile business and where he remained thus engaged for thirty years, or until his retirement from business in 1906, since which time he has continued to make his home at Cable, living there in quiet retirement. Mr. Shaul was quite successful in business and was also formerly the owner of two excellent farms in this county. One of these farms he sold, but is still the owner of the other, a well-improved place of one hundred and thirty-one and one-half acres in Wayne township. Though he now is well past eighty years of age, Mr. Shaul retains much of his old-time vigor



and continues to take an active interest in current affairs. He is a great reader, is blessed with a clear recollection of the past events of his long and busy life and keeps well posted on passing events. He formerly was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Urbana and for years took an active interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization, but of late years has not felt the physical inclination to keep up with some of his former forms of activity.

In November, 1862, William R. Shaul was united in marriage to Anna McMahon, daughter of James McMahon, of Cable, a farmer and carpenter, of that place, and to that union were born four children, namely: William, James Monroe, Jennie and Frank T., all of whom are still living. The mother of these children died on February 12, 1882. William Shaul is now living in the West, where he has been for years. James M. Shaul, postmaster at Cable, has also for years been engaged as a teacher in the public schools of that place. Jennie Shaul, who also is living at Cable, has been twice married, her first husband, George J. Brown, having died, after which she married Benjamin Madden, a farmer of Cable. Frank T. Shaul, now a resident of Latonia, Kentucky, is engaged in the railway postal service, his run being between Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

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### MICHAEL DORSEY.

Michael Dorsey, farmer of Union township, Champaign county, was born in County Wexford, Ireland, December 15, 1850. He is a son of John and Mary (Dawson) Dorsey, both natives of Ireland, where they grew up, married and established their home; in fact, spent their lives in their native land. To these parents three children were born, Michael, Patrick and Sarah. The subject of this sketch was the only member of the family to come to America.

Michael Dorsey grew to manhood in Ireland and there attended the common schools. When a young man he located in the city of Dublin, where he drove a delivery wagon for about seven years. He immigrated to the United States in 1871, locating at Morristown, New Jersey, reaching there on May 11th of that year. After working as a farm hand in that vicinity about a year he went to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he found employment in one of the large iron works there, remaining in that work for three years; then went to Buffalo, New York, where he resided two years, and

from there to Youngstown, Ohio, where he followed his trade in the iron works three years. Upon leaving that city he came to Champaign county and turned his attention to farming in Union township, working out as a farm hand the first five years. He then rented a farm near Lippincott and carried on farming as a renter for eleven years. He then moved to Union township and rented the farm he is now living on for five years, then bought it. The place consisted of one hundred and thirty acres, which he later added to until he now has a fine farm of two hundred and thirty acres, which he has brought up to high state of improvement and cultivation and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. Since 1914 he has been living practically retired from active life.

Mr. Dorsey was married in 1884 to Mary Lawless, a daughter of Michael and Margaret Lawless. To their union nine children have been born, Anna, Sarah, Joseph, Mary, John, Ellen, Catherine, William and Edward. Only two of these children are married. Mary is the wife of Mahlem Fudger. Joseph married Margaret Gardner and they have two children, Margaret and Ruth. John Dorsey volunteered for service in the national army in May, 1917, and was under instruction in the officers training camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, in Indiana. Politically, Mr. Dorsey is a Democrat, but he has never been active in public affairs. He and his family belong to the Catholic church.

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#### CLYDE H. HOOLEY.

The present able and popular representative in the Legislature of Ohio from Champaign county, Clyde H. Hooley, whose chief life work has been in connection with agriculture, is deserving of special mention in a work of the nature of the one in hand, partly because of his public spirit and popularity as a citizen and partly because of his excellent personal reputation. He was born on November 24, 1887, in Salem township and here, by his own efforts, he has forged to the front while still a young man. He is a son of Jonas and Elizabeth (Riehl) Hooley, the mother a native of Union county, Pennsylvania.\* Jonas Hooley was born in the same locality as was his son Clyde, and here he grew to manhood, received his education in the common schools of his native township and began life for himself as a farmer, remaining on the home place until his marriage, when he bought the homestead of one hundred and thirty acres, later increasing his holdings to two hundred acres. He is



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still successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of breeding Percheron horses. He is a son of Jacob and Martha Hooley, who came to Champaign county in an early day from Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, locating in Salem township, on land which now constitutes the farm of their son. It was in the year 1847 that Jacob Hooley established his home here and here he resided until his death in 1898. His wife died in 1897. They were parents of seven children, Jonas being the sixth in order of birth. To Jonas Hooley and wife six children were born, namely: Clarence, Clyde, Carrie, Clayton, Chester and Bessie.

Clyde H. Hooley grew to manhood on the home farm and received his early education in the public schools of his district and in the high school at Kings Creek. He continued to work on the farm with his father until 1912, when he attended the Ohio State University, specializing in the agricultural course. Thus well equipped for a life as a scientific farmer he returned home and bought fifty acres in Salem township which he farmed successfully until the spring of 1917, when he sold most of it. In 1913 he took charge of the exhibits for the state at the county fairs throughout the state, demonstrating the work of the state agricultural experiment stations, a work in which he had been engaged for four years previously, and he has given eminent satisfaction in this connection, having done much to stimulate better scientific farming throughout the state. He has also been instrumental in organizing the Farmers Lecture Course, which was the first attempt along this line ever made in this country, and through his able direction and perseverance he has made it a pronounced success. He has been interested in the state institute work for a number of years, working independently as well as for the state, both as a speaker and as a judge. He was employed as judge of fruits and vegetables at a number of county fairs in 1916. He keeps well abreast of the times in all that pertains to advanced methods of agriculture and horticulture, being widely read on all subjects pertaining to these lines of endeavor. He is by nature well equipped for such work and is best content when working with crops along scientific lines.

Mr. Hooley has also become prominent in public affairs and is one of the leaders in the Republican party in this section of the state. He served for some time as central committeeman for his party in Salem township, also served a term as road supervisor in his township. At the general election in November, 1916, he was elected representative to the state Legislature, having the distinction of being the youngest man ever elected to this important office from Champaign county. During the following session of the Legislature he made a most commendable record. He introduced a bill regulating

the salaries and duties of the county surveyors, which was passed, but was included in the White-Mulcahy bill. Mr. Hooley's bill has for its object a great saving in funds to all the counties of Ohio. While in the Legislature he served as a member of the public highway and agricultural committees, being secretary of each. He was also on the constitutional amendment (initiative and referendum) committee. He did his work most faithfully and conscientiously in all these positions of trust. He is a member of the Grange.

Mr. Hooley is unmarried. Personally, he is a young man of pleasing address and of unquestioned integrity.

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#### PETER A. BOISEN.

Peter A. Boisen, a substantial landowner of Urbana township, former trustee of that township and now superintendent of the Champaign County Childrens Home at Urbana, is a native of the kingdom of Denmark, but has been a resident of this county since 1881, in which year he came to the United States and with his brother, Hjironimos Boisen, who had come to the United States eight years before, proceeded on out to Ohio and settled in this county. Hjironimos Boisen, who married Ella Koffeberger, bought a farm four miles east of Urbana, in Union township, and there established his home. These two Boisen brothers were the only children of their parents, Hans and Magdalena (Peterson) Boisen, also natives of Denmark, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land, their home having been in the southern part of the kingdom.

Upon coming to this county in 1881, Peter A. Boisen, who then was seventeen years of age, he having been born on June 24, 1864, became engaged in farm labor and after some years bought a farm of seventy-one acres, lying two and one-half miles west of Urbana. After his marriage in 1892 he established his home on that farm and there lived until the fall of 1906, when he sold that place and bought another one, in 1909, one mile south-east of Urbana, but lived on a rented farm one mile east of Urbana, until March, 1916, when he was appointed superintendent of the Champaign County Childrens Home at Urbana and entered upon the duties of that position, a position which he still occupies, he and his wife making their home at the Home, to the affairs of which they give their most earnest attention, doing all in their power to make comfortable the position of the



children who are under their charge. Mr. Boisen has for years taken a hearty interest in local political affairs. He is a Republican and during his residence on the farm served for some time as a member of the school board in his local district and also served for some time as trustee of Urbana township.

As noted above, it was in 1892 that Peter A. Boisen was united in marriage to Fannie E. Fox, who was born in Union township, this county, a daughter of Amos and Matilda (Diltz) Fox, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, their respective parents having come here from Virginia at an early day in the settlement of Champaign county. Amos Fox was a well-to-do farmer and he and his wife are now both dead. Mr. and Mrs. Boisen have one child, a daughter, Mary Helen. They are members of the Presbyterian church at Urbana and take an interested and proper part in church work, as well as in other community good works. For several years Mr. Boisen has been an active member of the Grange and he also is a member of the Masonic lodge at Urbana, in the affairs of both of which fraternal organizations he takes a warm interest.

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### THOMAS M. HANAGAN.

Thomas M. Hanagan, well-known cement contractor at Urbana and proprietor of an extensive gravel pit there, was born in that city and has lived in Champaign county all his life. He was born on April 9, 1874, son of Thomas and Bridget (O'Melia) Hanagan, both natives of Ireland, who were married in this county and here spent their last days.

Thomas Hanagan was born in County Kildare, Ireland, January 26, 1826, a son of Richard Hanagan and wife, the latter of whom was a Doyle, and who were the parents of the following children: Morris, who came to this country in 1848 and settled in Champaign county, where he became a substantial farmer and where he spent the remainder of his life; Thomas, father of the subject of this sketch; Peter, who also became a resident of this county and here died unmarried; Richard, also a resident of this county, who died unmarried; Mary, who died unmarried, and Patrick, who also came to this county and here enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War and while serving with his command died in a Southern hospital. The father of these children died in his native land and in 1853 the Widow Hanagan and her son, Thomas, and his two younger brothers and

the sister came to the United States to join the elder son and brother, Morris Hanagan, who had located in this county in 1848. Here the family established their home and here the Widow Hanagan spent her last days.

Upon coming to Champaign county Thomas Hanagan became engaged in farming and in 1863 married Bridget O'Melia, also a native of Ireland, born in Kings county, who had come to this country in 1860. After his marriage Thomas Hanagan farmed at several different places before finally establishing his home in Wayne township, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1906, he then being eighty years of age. His widow spent her last days in Urbana, her death occurring there on October 14, 1911, she then being seventy-two years of age. They were earnest members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Peter J., formerly a Champaign county farmer, now conducting a restaurant and barber shop in Urbana, who married Margaret Curran and has six children, Frances, Helen, Anna, Morris, Joseph and Thomas; Mary, who married John Regan and has three children, John, Loretta and Rosa; Frances, who died in infancy; Eliza M., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-one years; Francis P., who is unmarried and who is engaged in the cement-contracting business with his brother, Thomas M., at Urbana, and Rose, who married James A. Hearn and died in 1903, leaving one child, a son, Thomas.

Thomas M. Hanagan received his schooling in the public schools of this county and remained at home, assisting in the labors of the farm, until he was thirty-six years of age, when, about 1900, he moved to Urbana and there became engaged in other lines of work and for some years past has been engaged, in association with his brother, Francis P. Hanagan, in the cement-contracting business in that city. The Hanagan brothers also have a valuable gravel pit at Urbana and are well equipped for any undertaking in the cement line. In 1913 Thomas M. Hanagan held the office of state inspector of cement work and is widely known among cement contractors throughout the state. Politically, he is a Democrat and takes an active interest in local political affairs. He and his brother are members of the Catholic church and are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in the affairs of which organizations they take a warm interest.

Thomas M. Hanagan was married on April 26, 1910, to Agnes Gannon, a daughter of Michael and Mary (McLaughlin) Gannon, both natives of Ireland, who came to the United States as young people and were married in Champaign county. Michael Gannon became a section foreman on the

Erie railroad and located at Urbana. He retired several years ago and has his home and a tract of farm land at the edge of Urbana. His first wife died in 1882 and he later married to Margaret Kelly. Mrs. Thomas M. Hanagan was born in Urbana in 1880 and attended St. Mary's parochial school there. Mr. and Mrs. Hanagan have two children, John Joseph, born in 1911, and Angeline Marie, born in 1914.

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### C. EDWIN MOODY.

C. Edwin Moody, a former Champaign county school teacher and proprietor of a fine farm of eighty-three acres in Union township, his home being located on rural mail route No. 1, out of Mechanicsburg, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there the greater part of his life. He was born on August 10, 1869, son of John R. and Serepta A. (Bowen) Moody, both of whom also were born in Champaign county, members of pioneer families in this part of Ohio.

John R. Moody was a son of Moses and Maria (Guy) Moody, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Canada, who came to Champaign county in pioneer days and settled in Goshen township, later moving to Union township, where they established their home and where they spent their last days. Moses Moody was one of the leading men of Champaign county in his generation and was a member of the board of county commissioners at the time of his death. During the days of his young manhood John R. Moody was for some years engaged in teaching school during the winters, farming during the summers, and his wife also was a school teacher for some years during the period of her young womanhood. In addition to his general farming, John R. Moody was extensively engaged in cheese-making and was widely known throughout this and neighboring counties on account of the industry he built up in that connection. He became the owner of two hundred acres of land and was long regarded as one of the substantial citizens of Union township. He and his wife were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Lulu, Margaret, Laura, Earl and Lawrence.

Reared on the home farm in Union township, C. Edwin Moody received his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and in the high school at Mechanicsburg and for three years after leaving school was engaged in teaching during the winters, meanwhile continuing his labors

on the farm during the summers. After his marriage in 1895 he established his home on a rented farm and began farming on his own account, later buying fifty acres of the old home place. This tract he later added to by the purchase of additional land and is now the owner of a fine farm of eighty-three acres, besides which he farms additional land, now carrying on his operations on a tract of one hundred and seventy-seven acres. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Moody gives considerable attention to the raising of pure-bred Jersey cattle and is doing well. He is a Republican and takes a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, but has not been an office seeker.

In 1895 C. Edwin Moody was united in marriage to Nona Carpenter, who was born in Schuyler county, Missouri, daughter of George and Mildred (Coffey) Carpenter, and to this union two children have been born, Earl and Mary Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Moody are members of the Church of Christ (Scientist) and take an active interest in the affairs of the same. Mr. Moody is a Mason and a Granger and takes a warm interest in the affairs of these two organizations.

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### SAMUEL H. ROBERTS.

The late Samuel H. Roberts, for years a well-known farmer and stockman in the vicinity of Mutual, this county, who died at Los Angeles, California, in 1912, and whose widow is now residing at Mechanicsburg, was a native son of this county, born on the farm on which he spent all his active life. He was a son of Ephraim and Jane (Harper) Roberts, who came to this county from Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and settled near Mutual, where they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that neighborhood. They were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch having been Joseph, Calvin, John, Mary, Harriet, Jennie, Emily and Ann.

Reared on the old home farm near Mutual, Samuel H. Roberts received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of improving and developing the place. After his marriage he established his home there and continued to make that his place of residence, becoming one of the most substantial farmers and stockmen in that part of the county and a landowner of considerable means. During the progress of the Civil War Mr. Roberts

enlisted for service in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command served valiantly until mustered out. He was one of the active members of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Urbana and ever took a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. Three of his brothers also served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil War. Mr. Roberts also was a member of the Masonic lodge at Mechanicsburg and took a warm interest in the affairs of that organization. While he and his wife were enjoying a sojourn in the beautiful city of Los Angeles, California, in the winter of 1911-12, Mr. Roberts was taken ill there and died on February 8, 1912, he then being in the sixty-ninth year of his age. His body was brought to his old home in this county and was buried in the cemetery at Mutual, the memory of the deceased there receiving fitting parting tribute on the part of his friends in that neighborhood and formal recognition on the part of his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and his brother Masons. Mr. Roberts not only was a successful farmer and stockman, but he had done well his part in his various relations to the public weal and he left a good memory in the community in which he was born and in which his long and useful life was spent.

It was on November 28, 1894, at Detroit, Michigan, that Samuel H. Roberts was united in marriage to Emma J. Harper, who was born on a farm in the vicinity of the Roberts farm near Mutual, a daughter of Cunningham and Sarah (Minturn) Harper, both of whom also were born in this state, the former near Lancaster, in Fairfield county, and the latter, near Mutual, in this county. Cunningham Harper was a substantial and well-to-do farmer in the neighborhood of Mutual and he and his wife spent their last days there. They were earnest members of the Buck Creek Presbyterian church and their children were reared in the faith of that church. There was six of these children, those besides Mrs. Roberts, the fourth in order of birth, being as follow: Belle, widow of John A. Dowell, of New York City, who has two children, Blanche and Ethel; Edward, of Mechanicsburg, a well-known farmer of that neighborhood; William A., who lives in Virginia; Carrie, of Mechanicsburg, and Minerva L., also of Mechanicsburg, widow of Edward Baumgardner, who has one son, Edgar H. Baumgardner. In 1912, after the death of her husband, Mrs. Roberts left her home in Mutual and moved to Mechanicsburg, where she bought a handsome residence on East Sandusky street and where she is now living, very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. She is a member of the Presbyterian

church, as was her husband, and has ever taken a close personal interest in church work, as well as in other local good works, and has been a helpful assistant in the work of promoting various causes designed to advance the common welfare of the community in which most of her life has been spent.

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### WILLIAM L. STOKES.

Having made a success as a general farmer and stock raiser William L. Stokes, of Salem township, this county, is now able to spend his declining years in retirement. He has spent his life in the same vicinity, being content with his native environment, and is still living in the house in which he was born on November 10, 1846. He is a son of Samuel and Nancy (Thomas) Stokes. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother was born in this county.

Samuel Stokes was born in 1806 and remained in the Old Dominion until 1829 when he came here with his parents and lived with them until his marriage, after which he and his wife established the family home at what was then known as Cabletown, now known as Cable. After remaining there two years, they moved to the place on which their son William L. is now living, in Salem township. Here they endured the privations and hardships of pioneer life, cleared and developed a good farm from the wilderness, and here spent the rest of their lives. The death of Samuel Stokes occurred on November 21, 1879. His family consisted of seven children, only two of whom are living at this writing, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary, who married William Russell. The Stokes family made the overland journey from Virginia to Ohio in wagons, the trip requiring weeks, for there were few good roads then.

William L. Stokes grew to manhood on the home farm and received his education in the district schools of Salem township. He continued to work with his father on the homestead even after his marriage, and upon the death of his father he took charge of the same. He now has eighty acres of productive land. He has rotated his crops and looked after his land so well in a general way that the soil has not lost any of its original fertility. He has also kept the farm buildings well repaired.

Mr. Stokes was married in 1868 to Margaret Petty, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Lippincott) Petty, and to their union six children have been born, namely: Fannie, who married E. McDonald and has three children, Charles, Flora and Ruth; Laura, who married Samuel Black; Samuel





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Stokes, who married Ida Grubbs and has four children, Lawrence, Norman, Merrill and Genora; Mary, who married Joe Walker; Sara, who married Ora Stratton, and Andrew, who married Elizabeth Plank and has five children, Laura, Gladys, Harold, Joe and Fannie Margaret.

Politically, Mr. Stokes is a Democrat, but he has never been an office seeker or active in public affairs.

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### ABRAM M. SPAIN.

Another of the retired farmers of Rush township, Champaign county, is Abram M. Spain, who is spending his declining years quietly and in the midst of plenty as a result of his earlier years of strenuous endeavor. He was born on the county line in the edge of Rush township, May 21, 1839, and has been contented to spend his nearly four-score years in his native locality. He is a son of Lemuel and Elizabeth (Millice) Spain. The father was born in Rush township and the mother in Mechanicsburg, this county. They each represented early pioneer families. Lemuel Spain was a son of Willis Spain, who was born in Dinwiddie county, Virginia, from which he came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1805, driving overland in covered wagons. This country was still a wilderness, when neighbors were few and far between. Thomas Spain, a brother of Willis Spain, had preceded him to this locality and bought one thousand and sixty-three acres at what is now the northwest edge of North Lewisburg. He then returned to Virginia and brought out several families who desired to settle here. They built a block house in the woods to insure safety in case of an Indian attack. The forest was cleared and farms developed. Each family built a log cabin. Indians were then numerous throughout the country. The Spains were typical pioneers and endured the hardships and privations of the first frontiersmen. Willis Spain lived to be eighty-five years old. During the latter part of his life he bought another one thousand acres of good land. He became one of the leading citizens of the county in his day and generation, was well-to-do and public-spirited, helping in many ways to introduce the evidences of modern civilization in the wilderness, such as schools, churches, etc. He was a self-made man, having had little opportunity to obtain an education, but he became well informed, having read extensively in later life. He helped build the first Methodist church in his locality.

which was of logs. His family consisted of seven children, namely: Lemuel, Henry, Fletcher, Newton, Wright, Betsy and David.

Lemuel Spain, father of the subject of this sketch, grew up amid pioneer conditions, and he worked hard when a boy helping develop the home farm. He attended, for a short time, the early-day subscription schools. After his marriage to Elizabeth Millice at Mechanicsburg, he located on a farm in Rush township, the land having but a small clearing on it. He finished preparing the place for the plow, built a home and other substantial buildings and soon had a good place. He built the first frame barn in his locality. He met death by a runaway team at the age of seventy-five years. His widow made her home with their son, Abram M. Spain, until her death at the age of seventy-six years. Lemuel Spain was a Republican and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist church. Their family consisted of eight children, as follow: Abram M., the subject of this sketch; John, who lives in Union county, Ohio; Christopher W., deceased; David, George, Ross and Ben P., all of North Lewisburg, and Amos, who died in infancy.

Abram M. Spain grew to manhood on the home farm and attended the local rural schools, taught in a log school house, equipped with puncheon seats, a chimney built of sticks and mud and with greased paper for window panes. He began working out at the age of sixteen. He worked in Mechanicsburg two years. He hired to his uncle, Fletcher Spain, for fifteen dollars a month. On December 11, 1860, he married Mary Jane Hutchings, a native of Saratoga county, New York, from which she came to North Lewisburg, Champaign county, Ohio, with her parents, Ephraim Hutchings and wife, when young. They were among the early pioneers here, and the parents spent the rest of their lives in this locality. Mrs. Spain died in early life, leaving two children, Dora, who married Ross Albright, a farmer of Rush township, and Ora, who died in 1887. Mr. Spain married a second time, in New York City, to Henrietta DeGroff, a native of the state of New York. When young she came alone to Champaign county, Ohio. Three children were born of Mr. Spain's last marriage, namely: Lewis, who is engaged in farming near North Lewisburg, married Florence Darrow, and has one daughter, Clift; Ward, a traveling salesman, with headquarters in Chicago, married Clara Smith, and has two children, Walter and Henrietta, and Chauncey, who is farming on part of his father's place in Rush township, married Zella Lain, and has two children, Mary L. and Ora L.

After his first marriage Mr. Spain lived with his grandfather a year, then moved to Logan county, this state, returning a year later to Cham-

paigh county, locating on the farm where he has since resided in Rush township. He has one hundred and two acres in the home place and ninety-nine acres where his son lives, also another farm of seventy-four acres. His home place is known as "Sugar Grove Farm." He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, and his land is all under a splendid state of improvement and cultivation. He formerly bought and sold live stock in this and adjoining counties extensively. He is now living practically retired.

Mr. Spain is a loyal Republican and has long been active in local public affairs. He was trustee of Rush township for nine years. He has attended many political conventions and has been judge of elections. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a well-preserved man for his age, having retained his faculties, and is as active as many men are at middle age. He has always had a splendid constitution and has lived a careful and upright life.

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#### BURTON A. TAYLOR.

Burton A. Taylor, cashier of the Central National Bank of St. Paris, this county, and former auditor of the neighboring county of Madison, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here and in the adjoining county of Madison all his life, a resident of St. Paris since 1906, in which year he aided in the organization of the Central National Bank of that place and has since been serving as cashier of the same. He was born on a farm in Salem township, this county, August 16, 1867, son of Thomas I. and Hannah (Stewart) Taylor, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and who are still living at their home in Salem township, honored old residents of that section of the county. To Thomas I. Taylor and wife seven children were born, namely: Burton A., the subject of this biographical sketch; Cora, wife of O. K. West, of Columbus, this state; Effie, deceased; Frank, of Springfield, this state; Nellie, wife of C. H. Bentley, of Columbus; Floy, wife of W. F. Shrigley, of Springfield, and Blanche, who is at home with her parents.

Reared on the paternal farm in Salem township, Burton A. Taylor received his early schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home and supplemented the same by a course in the Urbana high school, after which for two years he was engaged as a teacher in the public schools

of his home township. He then went over to Plain City, in the neighboring county of Madison and there became engaged as a bookkeeper in the Farmers Bank of that place. He presently was promoted to the position of assistant cashier of the bank and later to the position of cashier, remaining with that bank for eleven years, or until his election to the office of auditor of Madison county in 1898. Upon entering upon the duties of that office in 1899 Mr. Taylor, who in the meantime had become married, moved to London, the county seat, where he made his home until the completion of his official service. He was re-elected auditor and thus served for two terms, a period of six years, his term of service expiring at the end of the year 1905. Shortly afterward, in 1906, Mr. Taylor returned to this county and located at St. Paris, where he aided in the organization of the Central National Bank of that place and was made cashier of the same, a position he ever since has occupied. Upon the organization of that bank David McMorran was elected president and G. Lear Smith, vice-president. The present officers of the bank are as follow: President, David McMorran; vice-president, J. E. Printz; cashier, Burton A. Taylor, and assistant cashier, G. G. Jones, the directors of the bank, besides the officers above named, being J. H. Batdorf, Charles Heck, R. M. Kite and Cephas Atkinson. Mr. Taylor is a Republican and during his residence in Madison county, besides serving as county auditor, was for some time clerk of Darby township in that county.

In 1893, at Plain City, Burton A. Taylor was united in marriage to Ada Delano, who was teaching school at that place at that time. She was born in Iowa and is a graduate of the Plain City high school and of Western College at Oxford. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, B. Allen, who was graduated from the St. Paris high school and is now a student at Wooster College, and Martha E., who is a student in the high school at St. Paris. The Taylor are members of the First Baptist church and take an active interest in the various beneficences of the same, Mr. Taylor being one of the trustees of the church and a teacher in the Sunday school. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having affiliated with the Masons while living at Plain City, and is past master of the lodge at that place and a member of Adoniram chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at London. He also is a member of St. Paris Lodge No. 344, Knights of Pythias, and takes a warm interest in both Masonic and Pythian affairs. Since taking up his residence in St. Paris Mr. Taylor has given his earnest attention to the general business interests of that city and is widely known in financial circles throughout this part of the state.



## MARION CORBET.

Marion Corbet, a farmer of Wayne township, this county, was born in Rush township, this county, in 1847, a son of Amasa and Experience (Walburn) Corbet. The father was born in the state of New York, but when young his parents brought him to Ohio, the family locating on a farm at Brush Lake, in Rush township, Champaign county. Amasa Corbet had one brother, who died when eight years old, and one sister, Julia, who married James Bay of Bloomington, Illinois. John and Matilda Walburn, the paternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch, were also pioneer settlers in Rush township, where they spent their last days on a farm. They had three children, Experience, who married Amasa Corbet; a daughter, and John.

Amasa Corbet grew to manhood on the home farm in Rush township, amid a pioneer environment. He helped to clear and improve the home farm and attended the early-day schools, receiving an excellent education for those early times. He remained at home until his marriage, then took up farming for himself in Rush township, continuing successfully thus engaged until his death, which occurred in September, 1861, at the age of fifty-eight years. His widow also died at the age of fifty-eight, June 6, 1863. They were originally members of the Methodist Episcopal church, but later became connected with the United Presbyterian church. Politically, Amasa Corbet was a Republican. His family consisted of ten children, namely: David, who married Lorinda Stowe and established his home on a farm in Rush township, died in 1892; John, who married Elizabeth Jordan and established his home on a farm at North Lewisburg, this county; Lewis, who first married Marinda Bonsel, and later Rosanna Good, established his home on a farm in Rush township; Olive, the wife of John Swisher, a farmer of Rush township; Martha, who married Oliver Colwell and who now, as well as her husband is deceased; Benjamin, who married Susan Swisher, devoted his early life to farming and died in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he had located; William, who was a farmer and teacher of Wayne township, Champaign county, married Sarah Wilson and they are now both deceased; Marion, the subject of this sketch; Mary Eliza, who died when three years of age, and Amasa T., who is farming in Wayne township, this county.

Marion Corbet was reared on the old home place and received his education in the common schools. He remained at home until the death of

his parents. In 1867 he married Rebecca Wilson, of Wayne township, and a daughter of D. K. Wilson and wife. To this union one child has been born, Wilbert Corbet, now engaged in farming in Wayne township, who married Ella Blue, and has two children, Marion and Ethel.

After his marriage Marion Corbet located on the Wilson farm in Wayne township, later moving to his present farm, known as the Hale place, in that same township, where he still resides. He has a productive and well-improved farm, owning one hundred and fifteen acres of valuable land, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle and Jersey red hogs.

Mr. Corbet is a Republican and has served on the local school board. He is a member of Jenkins Chapel, Methodist Protestant church.

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#### EDGAR M. CRANE.

In this age brains count for more in farming than brawn, but in pioneer times perhaps the reverse was true. One of the intelligent tillers of the soil in Salem township, this county, is Edgar M. Crane, who was born in Urbana, Ohio, March 21, 1870. He is a son of Marcus H. and Effie (Muzzy) Crane. The father was born in Caldwell, New Jersey, November 10, 1843. He was a son of Zenas and Mary (Harrison) Crane, an old family of Caldwell, New Jersey, where they lived and died on a farm. Their family consisted of the following children: Marcus H., father of the subject of this sketch; Caleb, who is still living in Caldwell, New Jersey, and Anna, who still lives in New Jersey, widow of L. G. Lockward.

Marcus H. Crane grew to manhood in his native state and there attended the public schools and the Plainfield Academy. He remained in New Jersey until 1862 when he came to Ohio, where he secured a position in the foundry of Moore & Whitehead, at Urbana, later taking an interest in the firm and finally buying out the concern, operating the business himself successfully for some time. He also turned his attention to farming, buying one hundred and sixty-three acres east of Urbana, also a farm of two hundred and seventy acres north of Urbana. He became one of the progressive and well-to-do citizens of this locality.

On May 28, 1869, Marcus H. Crane married Effie Muzzy. She was born at New Carlisle, Clarke county, Ohio, February 13, 1848. She was one of five children born to Joseph and Eliza (Hunt) Muzzy, the former

a native of Springfield, Ohio, and the latter of Whitehall, Vermont. Joseph Muzzy was a boy when his parents removed with their family from New England to Clark county, Ohio, locating near Springfield. There Joseph Muzzy died and his wife married a second time, her last husband being a Mr. Armstrong. To the first marriage four children were born, Joseph, Horace, Franklin and James. Joseph Muzzy grew up in Springfield, Ohio, and there attended school. He engaged in the dry goods business during his earlier years, later conducting a grocery store. His death occurred in 1879. His wife died in 1863. They were parents of the following children: Richard Hunt, deceased; Lucinda, the wife of Dr. Silas Edgar, of Atlanta, Georgia; Francis, of Springfield, Ohio, and Effie, who married Marcus H. Crane, and Wallace, who lives in Pennsylvania. Three children were born to Marcus H. Crane and wife, namely: Edgar Melvin, the subject of this sketch; Frances, wife of Joseph Hitt, of Urbana, and Maria Steel, who died when fifteen years of age.

The death of Marcus H. Crane occurred in 1909, and his wife passed away on April 24, 1917, at the age of sixty-nine. She had lived in Urbana forty-eight years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church and an ardent worker in all its branches, and was one of the leaders in the missionary movements. She was at one time a teacher in the Sunday school. She was at one time president of the local Literary Club, a prominent member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was closely identified with all forward movements taken up by the women of Urbana. Marcus H. Crane was also an active member of the First Presbyterian church, with which he was affiliated for more than thirty years, and for some time was a deacon in the same. Fraternally, he belonged to the Masonic order, including the Knights Templars. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Urbana. He was well known and respected by all who knew him.

Edgar M. Crane, the immediate subject of this review, grew to manhood in Champaign county. He received excellent educational advantages, attending the local public schools and the Urbana high school, and later spent two years in the University of Wooster, at Wooster, Ohio. After leaving college he began his business career by accepting a position with the Citizens Bank of Urbana, but he decided that a business career that would keep him indoors was not so fascinating as agricultural pursuits, in which he could lead a simpler and more wholesome life; so he abandoned banking and turned his attention to general farming on land east of Urbana, where he remained twelve years, or until 1910. He then located on his present

fine farm of three hundred and seventy-five acres, known as the old Jennings farm, in Salem township. He has made many important improvements on the place, and keeps his fields in excellent condition, everything denoting that a gentleman of industry and good management is at the helm. In connection with general farming, Mr. Crane pays a great deal of attention to stock raising, feeding a large number of cattle annually for the market.

Mr. Crane was married in April, 1915, to Goldie Brinnon, who was born in Union township, this county, where she grew to womanhood, a daughter of Charles and Nora Brinnon. To Mr. and Mrs. Crane one child, a daughter, has been born, Dorothy M. Crane.

Fraternally, Mr. Crane is a Royal Arch Mason, affiliated with Harmony lodge and the chapter at Urbana. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and, politically, is a Republican.

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### ISAAC J. KAUFFMAN.

Farming is both profitable and pleasant when skillfully done, as in the case of Isaac J. Kauffman of Salem township, this county. He was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, March 14, 1870, a son of Charles and Keziah (Dunlap) Kauffman, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father of Lancaster county and the mother of Clearfield county. Charles Kauffman was fourteen years old when he left school and went to work, earning his own living. Later he went to Clearfield county, where he was married and there he worked for some time in the timber and about saw-mills. In 1877 he came to Ohio and settled in Salem township, Champaign county, first living on the Abel North farm one year, also spent a year on the B. M. Madden farm, then moved to the I. B. Thomas farm where he resided for a period of fifteen years. From there he moved to the William Gamon place where he spent two years, then moved to Wyandotte county, this state, where he made his home for seven years, after which he returned to Champaign county, locating near Woodstock, on the Pete Black place, where he lived three years, then moved to Zanesfield, Logan county, where his death occurred in December, 1914, at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow is still living there. Ten children were born to Charles Kauffman and wife, namely: Isaac J., the subject of this sketch; John W., who lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, and has been an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad for the past twenty-one years; Stephen G., an electrical contractor of Columbus, Ohio;

Charles M., who is farming in Monroe county, Michigan; Myrtle, who lives in Fremont, Ohio; Edward, who is a steam-shovel engineer and lives in Newark, Ohio; Hoad, who is farming in Salem township, this county; Nora, who lives in Columbus, this state; Walter, who lives in Columbus, where he works as an electrician, and Morris, who lives at home with his mother.

Isaac J. Kauffman was reared on the farm and received a common-school education at Kennard. He lived at home until his marriage on January 28, 1892, to Dora A. Wilkins, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio. She is a daughter of Howard and Rebecca (Martin) Wilkins, natives of Virginia, from which state they came to Ohio in an early day, locating in Salem township, Champaign county, where they engaged in farming, the father dying here in 1903. His widow is still living in Salem township. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins eight children were born, namely: William G., who is a retired farmer and lives at Kennard, this county; James W., who lives in Salem township, this county; Margaret Belle, wife of Jacob Woodruff, of Salem township; Sarah Minerva, wife of C. S. Unkefer, of Salem township; Fred L., who also lives in Salem township; Dora A., wife of Mr. Kauffman, the subject of this sketch; Anna S., wife of Edward B. Thomas, of Salem township, and Charles G., who also lives in Salem township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman seven children have been born, namely: Freda, who married Marshall Miller, a farmer of Salem township, and has one child, John, and Ray, Emmett, Naomi, Ralph, Nellie and Alfred. These children are all at home but the eldest.

After his marriage Mr. Kauffman located on the Abel North farm in Salem township, where he spent three years, then moved to Kennard, where he resided for nine years, engaging in teaming and hay bailing. In 1904 he moved to the place on which he now lives, known as the Fulweider farm, which consists of two hundred and fifty acres, where he has made many important improvements and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has worked hard and managed well and is one of the leading young farmers of his township.

Mr. Kauffman is a Democrat and has for some time been more or less active and influential in public affairs. He has served as trustee of Salem township for the past eight years, his long retention in this office indicating that he has discharged his duties in a highly acceptable manner, honestly and conscientiously looking after the best interests of the people. He is a member of the Friends church.

## WILLIAM R. YOCOM.

A venerable agriculturist, now living in retirement, in Wayne township, being now in his eighty-third year, is William R. Yocom, who has always been a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Champaign county. He was born December 12, 1834, in the above-named township, and is therefore one of the oldest native-born citizens in the county, which he has lived to see develop from a pioneer settlement to one of the leading farming sections of the country.

The first member of this family in America was Solomon Yocom of Virginia, who removed to Kentucky in 1802, settling near Mount Sterling, and in 1820 came to Ohio, locating at Urbana. After buying horses and other live stock there for some time he settled two miles east of Granite Hill and opened up Sulphur Springs, clearing and developing the land round about that place. His first building was a log cabin. Later he moved to Urbana on account of the prevalence of malaria at Sulphur Springs. He finally bought land near George's Chapel, and later died while living with his son, John W. Yocom, his death occurring there in 1855. His wife had preceded him to the grave in 1838. He was a harnessmaker and saddlemaker by trade. He was also a local preacher and often preached to the Indians in the early days, with Sol Hinkle. He was a Methodist. Seven children were born to Solomon Yocom and wife, namely: Kate, Nancy, Sallie M., John Wesley, Betsy, Caroline and Lucy Ann. Kate Yocom married John Miller and three children were born to them, Solomon, who married Pruetta Studebaker; Nancy, who married Peter Kenny, and Robert. Nancy Yocom married Levi King, and they were parents of two children, Polly, who married Daniel Baylor, of Union township, and after his death married Thomas Middleton, of Wayne township, and Charles K., who lives in Springfield, Ohio. Sallie M. Yocom married Reuben Adams and these children were born to them: Eliza, who married Levi Elliot, a soldier in the Union army, who established his home in this county; Mary Ann, who married John W. Diltz, who established his home in Union township, this county; Caroline, who married Alex Miller and located in Goshen township, this county; John W., who died when young; Lucy Ann, who married James Edge and moved to Indiana; Solomon, who lived at Mutual, and who was killed in a saw-mill; Sarah, who now lives in London, Ohio, the widow of Andrew J. Stone, a soldier in Company C, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War, who died in December, 1898.



John Wesley Yocom, the only son in the family, is mentioned in succeeding paragraphs in this article. Betsey Yocom married John Worrell, who located in Urbana, and they had the following children: James, who was a machinist in Springfield, Ohio, and later in Richmond, Indiana; Frank, who was a soldier in the Civil War, and who died at Memphis, Tennessee, after serving in the war; Adam, also a soldier in the Civil War and a locomotive engineer, who died in Indiana; William, also a Union soldier, and a locomotive engineer, also lived in Indiana; Moses B., a blacksmith, who served in the Union army and after the war located in Ohio. Caroline Yocom married James Bailey, of Urbana, Ohio, and had one child, Charles, who lived with his grandfather, Solomon Yocom, until he was twenty years old, then went to Madison county, Ohio. He married Sallie Crawford. Lucy Ann Yocom, the seventh and youngest child, married Davidson Bayless, a farmer of Union township, this county, and they became parents of four children: Susie, widow of David Syler, of Miami county, Ohio, now making her home in the city of Cleveland; Lemuel, who married Martha Craig and located first in Union township, this county, but now makes his home in Logan county, Ohio; Louisa, who married John Syler, of Miami county, Ohio, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, and Gould who lives in Michigan.

John Wesley Yocom, father of the immediate subject of this sketch, was the only son of Solomon Yocom and wife, and the fifth child in order of birth. He was born in Kentucky in 1805. He spent his boyhood in the Blue Grass state, being fifteen years of age when his parents brought him to Champaign county, in 1820. He helped clear and develop the home farm here, working hard and enduring the usual privations of pioneers. He remained at home until 1827, when he married Susanna Watson. She was a native of the vicinity of London, Ohio, and a daughter of David and Betsey (Helvestine) Watson. David Watson was born in 1770. When a boy he followed the sea six or seven years, later settling in Virginia, finally came to Madison county, Ohio, where he was one of the first settlers, locating southwest of London, where he cleared and developed a farm in the wilderness, when settlers were few and trading centers far remote. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He and his wife both died in Madison county, this state. Their children were named as follows: Susanna, born in 1808; Jesse, who lived on a farm in Madison county; Betsy, who married Joseph Surves, who established his home in Madison county; Samuel, who married Nancy Crider and established his home in Madison county;

Isabella, who married Samuel Crider, of Madison county; Stephen, who married Alma Dungan, and they also lived in Madison county; David, who married Elizabeth Jones and also lived in Madison county; Mrs. Josephine Brown, also of Madison county, and the two youngest children, daughters, who died in infancy.

John Wesley Yocom had little opportunity to obtain an education, attending for a short time the pioneer rural schools. After his marriage he moved to the old camp ground in Champaign county, where he lived four years; then to a farm in Wayne township, where he spent the rest of his life. His widow survived until November 20, 1892. He became one of the leading farmers and stockmen of his locality. He was a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Union Methodist Episcopal church, which congregation often held services in their home before the church was built, and he was active in the affairs of the church. His family consisted of eight children: James W., Mary Jane, Hester, William R., Caroline, Isabella, Louisiana and Emily. James W. Yocom, who was for many years a teacher in the schools of Union township and who died in 1898, married Mrs. Hannah (Millice) Elsworth and had five children, namely: Viola, who married James Perry, of Union township; John, who married Lulu Reams, also of Union township; Elmer, who married Fannie Corbett and lives in Union township; Alfred, who married a Miss Beltz and lives in Marion, Ohio, and Jesse, who died when fourteen years of age. Mary Jane Yocom, who died in 1894, was the wife of John Best. They established their home in Wayne township, this county, and three children were born to them, namely: Enola, who married Statin Middleton and lives in Wayne township; Carrie, wife of David Perry, of Columbus, Ohio, and John Wesley, of Wayne township, who married a Miss Shaul, now deceased. Hester Yocom died in 1845. William R. Yocom, the immediate subject of this sketch, was the fourth child in order of birth. Caroline Yocom married O. S. Barber and lives in Urbana. Isabella Yocom died unmarried in 1858. Louisiana Yocom, now deceased, was the wife of William Yeazell. Emily Yocom married Benjamin Millice and lives near Mechanicsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Millice have two children, Cora, who married William Romanie, of Mechanicsburg, and William, who married Lulu Moody, and lives near Mechanicsburg.

William R. Yocom grew to manhood on the home farm in his native county and attended the old-time subscription schools in his community, receiving a limited education, walking three miles to the school house, which was of logs, about one-half the way being through the heavy woods. He

has become a well-informed man on general topics by wide miscellaneous reading. He remained at home, assisting with the work on the farm, until he was twenty-seven years old. On March 26, 1862, he married Martha Chedister, who was born in Wayne township, this county, a daughter of Holdridge and Mary Chedister, pioneers of that township. Mrs. Yocom lived only six months after her marriage, dying on October 7, 1862, and Mr. Yocom subsequently married Margaret Linville, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1849, and whose parents brought her to Champaign county when she was eight years old. She was a daughter of Thomas Linville and wife. To this second marriage four children were born, namely: Quinn M., who is farming in Mad River township, this county, and who married Grace Hunter and has two children, Helen and Margaret; Jason C., who is farming in Union township, and who married Elvie Johnson and has three children, William H., Robert and Clyde; Jesse, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-two years, and Samuel L., who lives at home, operating the home farm, and who married Laura Cooper and has one son, Raymond.

After his marriage William R. Yocom located near the old home farm in Wayne township, buying one hundred acres. Not long after his second marriage he bought the farm on which he now lives. He was a man of industry, good management and sound judgment and, prospering with advancing years he has become the owner of one thousand acres of excellent farming land in Wayne and Union townships, and has long been regarded as among the leading general farmers and stock raisers in Champaign and adjoining counties. He farmed on an extensive scale for many years, but now that old age has come on he has turned the operations of his great estate over to his son, for the most part. He always raised large herds of live stock and fed a number of carloads of stock annually for the market, dealing especially in hogs, sheep and horses. He has an attractive and commodious residence in the midst of picturesque surroundings, and numerous modern and substantial outbuildings; in fact, his lands are well improved in every respect, everything about his place denoting thrift and good management.

Mr. Yocom is a Republican, but he has never been especially active in political affairs, nor aspired to public leadership. However, he has served as township trustee and as a member of the local school board. He has been a member of the local Methodist Episcopal church for the past sixty-eight years, and has been a liberal supporter of the church and active in its general affairs, having served as steward and class leader.

Mr. Yocom is exceptionally well preserved for one of his advanced

years. He has lived a careful and abstemious life, been watchful of his relations with the world in general and lived an honest, upright and clean life. His hearing and sight are good and he has a remarkable memory; in fact, he has retained all his faculties. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county.

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### JOHN FRAWLEY.

John Frawley, retired farmer of Wayne township, this county, is the possessor of many of the commendable traits of the people with Celtic blood in their veins. He was born in County Limerick, Ireland, February 28, 1847. He is a son of Edward and Mary (Welsch) Frawley, both natives of Ireland, where they grew up, married and established their home on a farm, where they resided until immigrating to the United States in 1852, first locating in the state of New York, but in a short time they came to Delaware county, Ohio, where the father worked on the section gang of the Big Four railroad for awhile. In 1857 he moved to Cable in this county, and worked on the Pennsylvania railroad for a number of years, then bought ten acres south of Cable. He worked hard and continued to add to his holdings there until he owned eighty acres, on which he carried on general farming until his death in 1893. His wife died later there. They were parents of five children, the subject of this sketch being the only one now living.

John Frawley was five years old when his parents brought him to America. He grew to manhood on the farm in Champaign county and received a common school education. When a young man he began working for the Panhandle Railroad Company, with which he remained ten years, during the winter months, working as fireman and brakeman, farming in the summer time the meanwhile. After leaving the employ of the railroad he took up farming in Logan county, Ohio, as a renter, for a number of years, then moved to Wayne township, this county, renting land until 1893. His father dying at that time he inherited the homestead, which he has operated ever since, keeping the place well tilled and well improved, all of the eighty acres being under cultivation. He is now living practically retired, his son, William, doing the actual work on the place.

John Frawley was married in 1875 to Ellen Powers a daughter of William and Bridget Powers. To their union seven children have been born.

of whom those, Mollie, Edward and Emmett, are deceased, the survivors being John, who married Anna Billock and has three children, Ellen, Robert and William; Nellie, who married William Dorsey and has three children, Kenneth, Catherine and Margaret; William, who married Sylvia Taylor and has two children, Mildred and Richard, and Edward, who married Nellie Dorsey and has four children, Helen, Mary Louise, Madeline, and Edward. The wife of Mr. Frawley and mother of the above named children, died on November 27, 1906. Mr. Frawley is a Democrat. He belongs to the Catholic church at Urbana.

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### LAWRENCE CRADLER.

Lawrence Cradler, farmer, of Wayne township, this county, was born in Union county, Ohio, March 20, 1872, a son of Christian and Mary (Mutlar) Cradler, both natives of Germany. Christian Cradler immigrated to America when a young man and located near Marysville, Union county, Ohio, where he worked out as a farm hand for some time. He saved his earnings and later bought a small farm, which he operated the rest of his life. His family consisted of nine children, five of whom are living at this writing, namely: John W., Ninna, Frederick, Lawrence and Lewis.

Lawrence Cradler grew to manhood on the home farm in Union county, where he assisted with the general work when he was of proper age, and in the winter time he attended the rural schools in his home district. He was the only member of his family to move to Champaign county.

After leaving school Mr. Cradler began life for himself as a teacher, which profession he followed with success for a period of ten years in the public schools of Union county. His services were in demand and he was one of the popular teachers of his county. He remained a close student himself and kept well abreast of the times in all that pertained to his work. Finally deciding that an outdoor life was more to his taste than school teaching, Mr. Cradler came to Champaign county and bought the Newton Diltz farm of ninety-one acres in Wayne township, which he has operated successfully ever since. He has kept his land well improved and well cultivated and engages in general farming and stock raising. Politically, Mr. Cradler is a Republican.

Mr. Cradler has been twice married. In 1902 he was united to Ethel Carren, a daughter of William Carren, and to that union six children were



born: Frank, Albert, Lucile, Addie, Vivian and Harold. The mother of these children died on March 20, 1914, and in December, 1914, Mr. Cradle married Hattie B. McFarland, daughter of Thomas S. McFarland.

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### JOSEPH REID.

The late Joseph Reid, who was for many years a progressive farmer in Wayne township, this county, was a man whom everybody liked, for he was honest, public-spirited and neighborly. He was born in Ireland and had many of the winning qualities of his Celtic progenitors. He was born in 1845 and spent his childhood in the fair Emerald Isle, immigrating to America, with his parents, when twelve years old, the family coming to Ohio and locating on a farm in Wayne township, this county. Here Joseph Reid grew to manhood. He received a limited education in the public schools. Here he married Bridget Bahan, a native of Rush township, this county, and a daughter of Darby Bahan and wife, both natives of Ireland, where they spent their earlier years, finally coming to America and establishing their home on a farm in Rush township, this county.

Joseph Reid devoted his active life to general farming. After spending many years on a farm in Wayne township he moved to Madison county, where he farmed for fifteen years, then returned to Champaign county, buying the Sylvester Spain farm in Wayne township, on which he spent the rest of his life. His widow now lives in North Lewisburg. He was a successful self-made man. He managed well and was one of the substantial citizens of his locality, at his death leaving quite an estate. He died on July 3, 1915, at the age of seventy years.

To Joseph Reid and wife eleven children were born, namely: Thomas, who lives at Marion, Ohio, and is a conductor on the Erie railroad; Gus, who also left this county; Joseph, who is engaged in farming in this county; Frank, who lives at Marion, Ohio, and is a conductor on the Erie railroad; Amos, who is farming on the old homestead in Wayne township; Edward P., who is farming in Wayne township; Mary, who lives in London, Ohio; Nellie, deceased; Annie, deceased; Emma, who lives in Hamilton, Ohio, and Ruth makes her home with her mother.

Edward P. Reid was reared on the home farm and he received a common school education. He assisted his father with the work on the farm until he took up railroading, working one year as brakeman in the railroad yards



at Youngstown, Ohio. For the past three years he has engaged in farming on part of the old home place in Wayne township. In January, 1913, he married Catherine Connor of North Lewisburg, this county. She is a daughter of Michael and Bridget Connor. Two children have been born to Edward P. Reid and wife, namely: William and Bernard Edward. The Reids are members of the Catholic church at North Lewisburg.

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### MARTIN L. RUSSELL.

There is no more painstaking tiller of the soil in Wayne township, this county, than Martin L. Russell, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, August 12, 1849. He is a son of Samuel and Edith (Kirk) Russell, both natives of Belmont county, Ohio, where they grew to maturity, were married and spent most of their lives on a farm there. In 1865 they moved to Iowa, but returned to Belmont county a year later, and in 1867 went to Iowa a second time, spending the rest of their lives in that state, dying there many years ago. They were members of the Baptist church. Their family consisted of twelve children, namely: Simeon L., Rachael Ann, Levi K., Minerva and Sarah A., all now deceased; Martin L., the subject of this sketch; Jeremiah, who lives in Belmont county, Ohio; William A., who is farming in the vicinity of Mingo, this county; Arthur, deceased; Everett, who lives at Bronson, Kansas; Nora, who lives at Iola, Kansas, and one child, who died in infancy.

Martin L. Russell grew to manhood in Belmont county, Ohio, and there attended the common schools. When sixteen years old he started to work out by the month and continued thus for a period of eleven years, at the end of which time he married and located in Salem township, this county, where he farmed two years; then moved to Wayne township, where he continued farming fourteen years on the Johnson place, then farmed in Logan county four years, and then three and one-half years on the Inskeep place. For the past eleven years he has operated four hundred and eight acres of the Johnson farm in Wayne township, carrying on general farming and stock raising extensively, also feeding considerable stock annually. He raises mixed stock, paying considerable attention to draft horses.

Mr. Russell was married in December, 1879, to Elizabeth Hunt, of Logan county, a daughter of John and Phoebe Hunt. Four children have

been born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell, namely: Carrie E., who married Morris Hill and lives in Logan county; John W., who is engaged in farming in Rush township, this county, and who married Clara Newman; William A., who lives at home and farms with his father, and Frank, also living with his parents and helping with the farm work.

Mr. Russell is a Republican and has for years been actively interested in local public affairs, having served as trustee of Wayne township during the past four years. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Mount Tabor.

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### JOEL C. ANDREWS.

The late Joel C. Andrews, for years a well-known farmer in Urbana township, who died in the fall of 1909 and whose widow is still living in her comfortable farm home in that township, was a native son of Champaign county and had lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the Pisgah neighborhood on January 10, 1847, son of John and Anna (Rawley) Andrews, natives of Rockingham county, Virginia, who came to this section of Ohio in 1844 and after a brief residence in the neighborhood of North Hampton located on a farm in the vicinity of Pisgah, where they spent the remainder of their lives. John Andrews was born in 1814 and died in 1867. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring in 1899. She also was born in the year 1814. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being John, Noah, Ezra, Mary and Martha.

Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Pisgah, Joel C. Andrews received his schooling in the local schools in that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant in the labors of developing and improving the home farm. After his marriage in 1874 he began farming on his own account, renting a farm, and in 1881 bought the place of thirty-four acres on which his widow is now living, in Urbana township, and there spent the remainder of his life. In addition to cultivating that tract Mr. Andrews tilled considerable adjoining land, renting the same and continued actively engaged in farming until his retirement about two years before his death, his death occurring on October 3, 1909, he then being in the sixty-third year of his age. Mr. Andrews was an independent Democrat in his political faith and by religious persuasion was a Baptist, a member of the Hickory Grove church, of which his widow also is a member.

On December 29, 1874, Joel C. Andrews was united in marriage to Sallie Steinbarger, who also was born in this county, daughter of Alfred and Margaret (Myers) Steinbarger. The Steinbargers are an old family in Champaign county, Alfred Steinbarger's father having been the founder of the old Steinbarger mill which for so many years was a familiar landmark on Mad river, and further and fitting mention of this pioneer family is made elsewhere in this volume. John Andrews, a brother of the subject of this memorial sketch, married Effie Steinbarger, sister of Joel C. Andrews' widow, and to that union were born three children, Flora, Pearl and Margaret, the latter of whom married Freeman Snyder. John Andrews died in 1901 and his widow died on June 29, 1914. Their eldest daughter, Flora, is now making her home with Mrs. Joel Andrews at the latter's pleasant home in Urbana township.

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#### W. H. GORDIN.

W. H. Gordin, dealer in grain and live stock, Westville, Ohio, was born in Madison county, Ohio, January 11, 1878, a son of R. B. and Amanda (Carr) Gordin. The father and mother are both natives of Ohio, the former born in Madison county and the latter in Fayette county. Both are now living in Springfield, Ohio, where Mr. Gordin is engaged as a dealer in live stock.

W. H. Gordin is the second of three children in his father's family. He was reared on the farm and was educated in the district schools of the township and in the South Solon high school. He remained at home and worked on the farm until he was twenty-one years old. Afterward he operated an elevator at Irwin Station in Union county, for five years. Then he went to Buffalo, New York, where he was employed in the stock yards for two years. Following this he spent one year in Pittsburgh, then came to Westville and purchased the elevator at this place and has continued the business here since December 1, 1910. He added the live stock business to his other business and has had large dealings in that line. He also deals in wood in season, as a side line. He is married and has two sons, Edwin, a student in the Westville high school, and Dana, in the graded schools.

Mr. Gordin is a member of Mechanicsburg Lodge No. 113, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias.

of Westville. He also is a member of the United Commercial Travelers Association. He is a Republican but does not take an active part in political matters.

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### ORAN E. DETWEILER.

Oran E. Detweiler, one of Salem township's best-known young farmers and also widely known throughout the county as a horseman, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but has been a resident of this state since he was six years of age. He was born on April 14, 1880, son of Eli B. and Rachel S. (Greer) Detweiler, both natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in 1886 and spent their last days here.

Eli B. Detweiler was a son of Jonathan Detweiler and wife, substantial farming people of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. He grew up there and early learned the trade of carpenter and bridge builder, which vocation he followed until after his marriage, when he came to Ohio, in 1886, and located in the neighborhood of West Liberty. For the first year or two after coming to this state he was employed on the farm of Benjamin Harris, near West Liberty, and then he came down into Champaign county and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Kennard, in Salem township, later moving to another farm in that same township, where he established his home and became a substantial farmer, remaining there until his retirement from the farm and removal to Kings Creek. His wife died in that village on June 29, 1909, and he later made a visit back to his old home in Pennsylvania, where his death occurred on October 3, following. Eli B. Detweiler and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom nine grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Rufus, a farmer, of Salem township; John, also a Salem township farmer; William, now living at Marysville, in the neighboring county of Union; David, a Salem township farmer; George, who died in 1915; Anna, wife of Harry Cooper, a Salem township farmer; Margaret, wife of Clinton Boyer, also of Salem township, and Ella May, wife of Marion Goul, of that same township.

Reared on the farm, Oran E. Detweiler received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and early began working as a farm hand on his own account, for six years being thus engaged on the farm of J. F. Weidman and for four years on the farm of William Carson. After his marriage







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in 1904 he made his home at Kings Creek, where he remained for eight years, at the end of which time he moved to Lippincott, where he remained two years, after which he moved to his present place of residence, known as the Edward Morgan farm, in Salem township, where he and his family are very comfortably situated. In addition to his general farming Mr. Detweiler has long given his especial attention to horses and is widely recognized as one of the most skilful horse trainers in this part of the state. For seven years he has given particular attention to that line and during that time has "broke" more than four hundred horses, the thoroughness of this work in that line bringing him customers from all over this part of the country. Mr. Detweiler gives close attention to local civic affairs and in his political views is inclined to be "independent".

On December 2, 1904. Oran E. Detweiler was united in marriage to Nellie Henrietta Weidman, who was born in this county, a daughter of J. F. and Martha J. (Blair) Weidman, the former of whom also was born in this county, son of pioneer parents living west of King's Creek, and the latter, in Licking county, this state. J. F. Weidman was a substantial farmer of Champaign county. He died in February, 1917, and his widow is now living at King's Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Detweiler have four children, Frank Maskel, Mary Ola, Rachel Elizabeth and Jessie Irene. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a proper interest in church affairs, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live and are helpful in promoting all good causes thereabout.

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#### HON. WILLIAM BELL McCREA.

In the memorial annals of Champaign county and particularly in the southwestern part of the county, there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the Hon. William Bell McCrea, a pioneer merchant at Christiansburg, a member of the state Legislature during the forties and for many years one of the most influential factors in the development of the community in which he had settled when little more than a boy, and the summers of whose last years were spent at Christiansburg, his old home there being now occupied by his widowed daughter, Mrs. Belle McCrea Shofstall. He died at Dayton, Ohio.

William Bell McCrea was a native of the state of New York, born in the Kattskills on September 6, 1806, son of John and Elizabeth (Bell)

McCrea, who later came to this county, by way of Cincinnati, and here spent the remainder of their lives influential and useful pioneers of the Christiansburg community. John McCrea was born in Scotland, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Montgomery) McCrea, the latter of whom was connected by some affinity of lineage with the Scottish royal family. Being of a somewhat independent nature, John McCrea came to America with his parents at the age of eighteen years to make his own way in the world. For several years after his arrival in this country he remained in New York City and there he married Elizabeth Bell, who had come to this country with her parents when but a babe in arms. After his marriage John McCrea bought land in the Kattskill country and there established his home. His parents later came from Scotland and joined him there, spending the rest of their lives there. John McCrea became a well-to-do landowner in the Kattskills, remaining there until 1812, in which year he disposed of his interests there and with his wife and children came to Ohio and located at Cincinnati, where he engaged in the construction of the first waterworks system built in that city and was made superintendent of the same. He was a fine mason. In that city John McCrea and family remained until 1820, when they came up into this part of the state, seeking a new home on the fine land then attracting settlers in this county. John McCrea previously, in 1817, had entered a tract of land in Jackson township and established his home there and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, helpful factors in the upbuilding of that community.

When William Bell McCrea came up into this county with his parents in 1820 he was but fourteen years of age and he entered heartily into the pioneer life, but after being here about four years he began to recognize the need of further schooling and to realize the lack of educational facilities in this section. He therefore, when eighteen years of age, returned to Cincinnati and while completing his studies there became engaged as a clerk in a general store and was thus engaged for four years, or until 1828, in which year he was sent up here in quest of wood ashes, which at that time were a marketable commodity and of which there was a plentiful supply hereabout, the residue from the huge fireplaces of the pioneers or from the great log-rollings. At that time the then hamlet of Christiansburg consisted of six huts. Mr. McCrea had learned the drug business and his experience in the store at Cincinnati convinced him that the promising hamlet offered an excellent opportunity for one engaging in the mercantile business there and he opened a general store in a log hut there. Later

erecting for that purpose the first frame building put up in Jackson township and he also erected, nearby the store, the first frame residence there, he and his wife, who was Sarah Hall, establishing their homes there and becoming important factors in the task of creating proper social and economic conditions in the formative period of that now prosperous and well-established community. Mr. McCrea was successful in business and took an active part in the civic affairs of the county. In 1840 he was elected a member of the state Legislature from this district and served in that important capacity for three years, declining the re-nomination in 1844. In 1851 he enlarged the sphere of his business activities by entering into a partnership in the general merchandise way with a concern in Dayton and moved with his family to that city, remaining there the rest of his life, he being seventy-six years of age at the time of his death. His wife died at the age of seventy-two. He retired from business in 1875 and thereafter lived comfortably retired, spending his winters in Dayton and his summers at Christiansburg. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, namely: Charles T., who died in 1915, a retired hardware merchant, of Cincinnati; Julia Caroline, who died on March 9, 1917; Rollin Hall McCrea, who died at Indianapolis, where for many years he was engaged in the wholesale millinery business as a member of the wealthy firm of Fahnley & McCrea; William W. McCrea, of Indianapolis, a retired member of the firm of Fahnley & McCrea; Belle, now living in the old home at Christiansburg, widow of Silas C. Shofstall, an honored veteran of the Civil War, who was born in Urbana and was a former merchant there; Emma A., wife of Winslow Phelps, a wholesale grocer, of Dayton, this state, and Frank F., who is engaged in the insurance business at Indianapolis.

It was in 1872 at Dayton, that Belle McCrea was united in marriage to Silas C. Shofstall, an Urbana shoe merchant, who died at his home in Wisconsin. Silas C. Shofstall was but seventeen years of age when the Civil War broke out and despite the age limit of eighteen years set for volunteers in the Union service he succeeded in enlisting and starting for the front. He was brought back by his parents, but when he reached the age of eighteen he re-enlisted and went to the front as a member of Company A, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, quite a period of that service being spent as a prisoner of war in Libby prison at Richmond. He later was on duty in the inspector-general's office. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shof-

stall continued to live at Urbana until after the birth of their son early in 1874, when they moved to Dayton, maintaining a home thereafter both there and at Christiansburg, and since the death of her husband, Mrs. Shofstall has been making her home at the old McCrea home in Christiansburg, where she is very comfortably situated. Her son, Rollin McCrea Shofstall, who was born on February 6, 1874, married Stella Roberts of Dayton, and he and his wife make their home in Denver, Colorado.

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### GEORGE COWLES.

The late George Cowles, for many decades a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Champaign county, was a product of pioneer times, spending his boyhood in the early environments of the frontier, and he lived to see and take part in the wondrous changes in this locality, doing what he could toward the general upbuilding of the county.

Mr. Cowles was born in Wayne township, this county, November 27, 1831. He was a son of Solomon B. and Mary (Crowder) Cowles. The father was a native of Connecticut, but he left New England for what was at that time known as "the West", coming to Ohio between the years 1810 and 1815, and locating in Wayne township, this county, three miles west of the present site of North Lewisburg. The country then was sparsely settled and he began life in true pioneer fashion, through hard work and perseverance carving out a home and a farm from the wilderness. His family consisted of the following children: Sarah, who died in young womanhood, unmarried; Melissa, who married George Millice and is now deceased; Levi, who was next in order of birth; Solomon B.; George, the subject of this sketch, and Osiah.

George Cowles grew to manhood on the home farm and there he assisted with the general work when a boy, attending the rural schools of the early days during the brief winter terms. He remained with his parents until he was nineteen years old. On April 3, 1851, he married Elizabeth C. Spain, only daughter and youngest child of Willis and Nancy E. Spain. She was born August 3, 1831, near what is now North Lewisburg, and there she grew to womanhood and attended the rural schools. Her parents, who came to Champaign county from Virginia in 1805, were among the earliest pioneer settlers in this section of the state, which was then a vast wilderness, the domain of the Indian and wild beasts. The Spains settled in what is



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now Rush township and later lived in Wayne township. They cleared a farm from the wilderness and by hard work and perseverance they established a comfortable home and spent the rest of their lives on a farm here. Mr. Spain dying at the age of eighty-five years. Their family consisted of the following children: Henry, Wright, Newton, Lemuel and Elizabeth C.

After his marriage George Cowles located in Rush township, where he cleared and improved a good farm, and there he continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits until 1862, when he moved to North Lewisburg and bought a tract of land. There he engaged in mercantile pursuits with success for a number of years. His death occurred on May 8, 1908. Politically, he was a Republican. His wife died on October 10, 1905.

To George Cowles and wife four children were born, namely: Nancy E., born on January 7, 1852, who married Frank Wehe in 1875, and died on January 9, 1917, leaving two children, Linna and Frances; Sarah Jane, who has always lived at the old home in Rush township; Melvin, a Rush township farmer, who married Fannie Hyatt and has one son, George Hyatt, also a farmer of Rush township, who married Zola Harshfield and has one son, Milton, and Fletcher, born on February 2, 1863, who remained on the home farm near North Lewisburg, with his sister, Sarah Jane, and is keeping the farm under a fine state of cultivation and improvement. He is unmarried. Miss Cowles is a member of the local Methodist Episcopal church and she and her brother take a warm interest in the general good works of the community.

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### JAMES OUTRAM.

The late James Outram, of Wayne township, was for many years one of the highly respected and representative citizens of Champaign county. He was born on August 23, 1846, near Urbana, Ohio, a son of Robert and Mary (Hubbard) Outram. The father was born in England, where he spent his boyhood, being sixteen years old when he came to America, with his parents, Timothy and Mary Outram, the family locating near Cable, this county, with an old friend, a Mr. Pickrel. Timothy Outram later bought a farm near Urbana, on the ridge in Wayne township. About 1870 he went to live with his daughter, who lived north of Urbana and he and his wife died there. Their children who came to America, were Thomas, Robert and Mary. Thomas, who lived north of Urbana, married first, a Miss Clark and later a Miss Budd. Robert was also twice married;

first, to May Hubbard, and later to Mrs. (Downs) White. Robert was an engineer. Mary married Robert Singleton, and they established their home north of Urbana. The following children were born to Robert Outram and wife: Timothy, who was a soldier in the Civil War, and died while in the service; James, the subject of this sketch, and John, who married Della Russell and died in Urbana. For many years John Outram was one of the well-known teachers in the public schools of this county, and was for some time principal of the Woodstock schools. His widow now lives in Salem township.

James Outram grew to manhood on the home farm and was educated in the Urbana public schools. He made his home on a farm in Salem township, north of Urbana, until his marriage, which took place on March 19, 1874, to Mary E. Ninceheler, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Hannah (Longabough) Ninceheler, natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they grew up and were married. The Nincehelsers lived in Reading, Pennsylvania five years, then located in the city of Scranton. Mr. Ninceheler was foreman of railroad shops and superintendent of car shops at Scranton. In 1857 he moved with his family to Dubuque, Iowa, where he took a position in the car shops, on construction work for the Pacific railroad. On May 10, 1859, he located on a farm one mile south of Cable, this county, and there he engaged in farming until 1896, when he retired from active life and moved to Cable. His wife died in 1885. To these parents three children were born, namely: Mary E., who married Mr. Outram, the subject of this sketch; George, who married Rachael Diltz, and is farming in Wayne township, this county, and Dr. O. A. Ninceheler, who resides in Mechanicsburg.

After his marriage James Outram lived in Urbana two years. He engaged in farming until 1876, and he also devoted a number of years to teaching school, in which work he gave eminent satisfaction.

To James Outram and wife the following children were born: Mrs. Bertha Thomas, who lives in Marion, Ohio, and has two children, Eugene O. and George Watson Thomas; Oran R., a carpenter and contractor, living in Wayne township, this county, who married Alga Taylor and has three children, Elizabeth, Robert and Oran, and Charles W., a farmer, of Wayne township, who married Hattie Swisher and has three children, Alleyne, James and Stanford.

James Outram was a Republican. He was a strong advocate of temperance and did what he could in furthering the cause of prohibition. He

was a member of the Methodist Protestant church and took an interest in the affairs of the same. His death occurred on August 23, 1896, on his fiftieth birthday. After his death Mrs. Outram continued to reside on the home farm in Wayne township until 1912, managing the place successfully. She then bought a cosy home in the village of Cable, where she has since resided, but she still owns her farm of sixty-five acres.

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### JOHN P. DETWEILER.

John P. Detweiler, a careful farmer of Salem township, was born in Allensville, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1872. He is a son of Eli B. and Rachael (Greer) Detweiler, both of whom grew to maturity and were married in Mifflin county, and there the father worked at the carpenter's trade and as a bridge builder until he moved, in 1885, to Ohio, locating in Salem township, Champaign county. During the first year of his residence here the father worked out as a farm hand. In 1889 he moved to near Kennard. After working in that vicinity for a short time he located on a farm near Kings creek, in Salem township, where he established his home. There his wife died in June 29, 1909. Shortly afterward he went to Pennsylvania on a visit to his old home and died there on October 3, of the same year. He was a son of Jonathan Detweiler, who devoted his life to farming in Pennsylvania. Fourteen children were born to Eli B. and Rachael Detweiler, eight of whom are living at this writing, namely: Rufus, of Salem township; John P., the subject of this sketch; William, of Marysville, Ohio; David, a farmer of Salem township; Orin, who also lives in Salem township; Anna, wife of Harry Cooper; Margaret, who married Clint Boyer, and Ella, wife of Marion Gaul.

John P. Detweiler spent his early boyhood in Pennsylvania, where he attended school. He also attended school after moving with the rest of the family to Champaign county. In 1888 he left school and began working out as a farm hand for William J. Carson, of Salem township, with whom he remained three years, then worked at different things for some time. After his marriage he located at Kings Creek and worked at the trade of hanging wall paper, also at carpenter work, continuing these trades until 1907, when he turned his attention to farming, buying a farm of thirty-two acres, but later sold it and owned different farms until he bought the tract of one hundred and twenty-three acres which he now operates and

which he has greatly improved by expending about seven thousand dollars on the same. He is making a success as a general farmer and stock raiser, feeding about one hundred and fifty hogs for the market annually, and also runs a small dairy. He has two large silos of seventy tons each, a large barn and other convenient outbuildings.

Mr. Detweiler was married in 1892, to Rose Taylor, a daughter of Job and Henrietta (Woodruff) Taylor, and to their union eight children have been born, namely: Ruth, wife of Watson Russell; Naomi, Clara, Mabel, Warren, John, Henrietta, who died at the age of one year and six days, and Grace, who died at the age of five days.

Mr. Detweiler has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since 1889 and has been superintendent of the Sunday school for fifteen years. He also has filled the offices of steward, treasurer and trustee in his church and has long been active and influential in church affairs. Politically, he is a Republican. He has been very successful in life, considering the fact that he started out with nothing and has had to forge his own way to the front.

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### ALFRED JOHNSON.

Alfred Johnson, farmer, of Wayne township, this county, was born in the vicinity where he still resides, July 5, 1884, and while still a young man has won a definite degree of success in his chosen life work. He is a son of Otho and Laura (Thomas) Johnson. Otho G. Johnson, a retired farmer of Wayne township, has spent his life in Champaign county. He was born near Mingo, October 23, 1859, and is a son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Stone) Johnson, the former of whom was born on the same place as his son, Otho G., his parents having been among the earliest pioneers in this section of Ohio. Alfred Johnson, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was the son of Jacob Johnson, who came to Champaign county from Maryland in 1805, and settled in the woods in Wayne township. Indians still were plentiful in this locality at that time. He and his sons cleared and developed a good farm, which is still in possession of the Johnson family after a lapse of more than a century. Jacob Johnson and wife were parents of four children, Hiram, Nelson, Polly and Alfred. Reared on the home farm in Wayne township, Alfred Johnson established his home there after his marriage and there spent the rest of his life, becoming one of the leading general farmers in the township. His family consisted of seven

children, of whom Otho G., father of the subject of this sketch, was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Thomas L., a lawyer, of Cleveland; John B., who is farming in Florida; Martha, who makes her home at Marion, Ohio, and is the widow of Daniel W. Strayer; Charles N., who formerly was connected with the stockyards at Kansas City, Missouri, and is now farming in Salem township; Fred, formerly a conductor on the Wabash railroad, who was killed in a wreck in 1913, and Merton R., who makes his home at Mingo.

Otho G. Johnson grew up on the home farm and attended the schools of his neighborhood. He worked with his father on the farm when a boy and learned the various phases of agricultural and stock raising pursuits. When twenty-one years old he married and located on a portion of the home farm, remaining there until 1910, when he left the farm and moved to the village of Mingo, but continued to engage in the live-stock business and there he has since resided. For over twenty years he has been engaged in buying and shipping live stock, shipping mostly to the Cleveland yards, and has made a specialty of raising on his farm Poland China hogs and Percheron horses, long having been regarded as one of the leading stockmen in the eastern part of Champaign county. He and his brother, Thomas L. Johnson, own more than five hundred acres of excellent farming land.

In 1880 Otho G. Johnson married Laura Thomas, who was born and reared in Salem township, a daughter of Josephus and Jane (Downs) Thomas, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Nellie, wife of Arthur Johnson, of Bellefontaine, Ohio; Alfred, the immediate subject of this sketch; Lulu May, wife of Edward Warye, of Salem township, and Mary, who married Blaine Watkins, a farmer, who is living on a part of the old Johnson home place.

Alfred Johnson grew to manhood on the home farm in Wayne township and received his education in the district schools of his home community, at the old Johnson school house. After finishing school he took up farming with his father until he was married, March 10, 1909, to Ruth Gilbert, a daughter of George and Emma Gilbert, to which union two children have been born, Claude G., and Otho G.

After his marriage Alfred Johnson began farming for himself by renting the B. R. Tallman place and has remained there ever since. The farm consists of one hundred and seventy-four acres. He raises considerable grain, which he feeds to live stock, preparing large numbers of cattle and hogs for the market. Politically, he is a Republican.

## HERMAN H. CARR.

A skillful tiller of the soil in Salem township, this county, is Herman H. Carr, who was born, April 9, 1867, near Bellefontaine, Ohio. He is a son of Joseph E. and Nancy (Douglas) Carr, natives of Pennsylvania and of West Virginia, respectively. As a boy Joseph E. Carr came with his parents to Logan county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and married. He bought a farm there and spent most of his life there. He lived at Kings Creek, Champaign county, for awhile, owning the mill there, but farming was his main occupation throughout his active life. His death occurred at the age of seventy-six years. His wife died at the age of sixty-five years. They were members of the Lutheran church. He was a Democrat. They were parents of ten children, two of whom, Edith and Laura, died in early life, and eight of whom are still living, named as follows: Josephine, who married Henry Anstine, and lives in Logan county, Ohio; Samuel E., who is farming in Hardin county, Ohio; Mary Ellen, who married Lewis Curl and lives in Logan county; Arthur F., who is farming in Logan county; Lucy, who married Abraham Moore, a farmer of DeGraff, Ohio; Earl Douglass, a traveling salesman, with headquarters in Columbus, Ohio; Herman H., the subject of this sketch, and George, a salesman, who lives in Columbus.

Herman H. Carr grew to manhood on the farm, where he worked during the summer months when he became of proper age, and in the winter time he attended the rural schools in his vicinity. Later he operated the home farm for his parents. He was married in October, 1892, to Mary Elizabeth Askern, who was born in Auglaize county, Ohio. She was a daughter of David and Mary E. (Negley) Askern, the latter of whom was born in Marion county, Indiana, the daughter of the Rev. George Negley, a pioneer Methodist minister. David Askern was a native of Logan county, Ohio, a son of Rev. John Askern, a pioneer Baptist minister. David Askern learned the trade of cabinetmaker, but after his marriage followed farming. He was a youth when his parents moved to Auglaize county, Ohio. He later worked at his trade in Urbana and at Indianapolis, where he met and married his wife. He lived there two years more and then returned to the Askern homestead in Auglaize county. David Askern lived there until he died in 1874. His widow is still living at the age of eighty years, residing in Bellefontaine, Ohio. David Askern had seven children, namely: Mrs. Ida Ellen; Martin, who lives at Aztec, New Mexico; James



Negley, who lives at Herford, Texas; Mrs. Hattie L. Brubaker, of Manchester, Georgia, wife of Doctor Brubaker; John Edwin, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Mary Elizabeth, who married Mr. Carr; Mrs. Georgia Grace Carr, of Columbus, Ohio, and David W. Askern, a very successful wholesale fruit and produce merchant, of Bellefontaine. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carr, namely: Herbert A., who completed a two-year college course at Denison University and is now a traveling salesman and lives at Bellefontaine; Joseph Trueman, Herman Wesley and Mary Ellen, at home.

After his marriage Herman H. Carr located in Logan county, Ohio, four miles from Bellefontaine, and there he engaged in farming for seven years, at the end of which time he moved to Champaign county and bought one hundred and twenty-seven acres in Salem township, where he has since resided. He has made many important improvements on the place and has been successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. Politically, Mr. Carr is a Democrat. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias at West Liberty, Ohio. He and all the family belong to the church at Mt. Tabor. He takes an active interest in public affairs, and for a period of nine years served as a member of the local school board, also as a member of the county board of education.

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### JOSEPH STEINBARGER.

Champaign county has been quite a good enough place for Joseph Steinbarger to spend his life in, the wanderlust spirit having never lured him away to seek his fortune in other lands, and he has lived to see and take part in many changes during his life of over three-score years here.

Mr. Steinbarger, who is farming in Urbana township, was born in Mad River township, this county, September 4, 1845, a son of Alfred and Margaret (Myers) Steinbarger. The father was born on the old Abe Shocky place in Mad River township, where his parents settled in early pioneer days. The mother was born in Ross county, Ohio. Alfred Steinbarger grew to manhood in his native township, on the home farm, and attended the early day schools. When a young man he turned his attention to the milling business, in partnership with his father, the old Steinbarger mill being well known all over this and adjoining counties, drawing its customers from remote sections of the country. In 1858 he moved

to Urbana township and bought one hundred acres, the place on which his son Joseph now resides, and there he carried on general farming until his death, which occurred in February, 1882. His widow survived until 1897. Alfred Steinbarger was a son of John and Elizabeth (Pence) Steinbarger, both natives of Virginia, where they grew up and married, coming to Ohio shortly thereafter and settling on a farm on Nettle creek, in Champaign county, buying a tract of land, including the Abe Shocky farm. The elder Steinbarger improved his land, put up a mill, operated by water power and conducted it many years; later moved farther down Mad river, where he built a large mill, which became popular all over this locality. There he remained until his death, which occurred in 1852. To Alfred Steinbarger and wife eight children were born, four of whom are now living, namely: Jennie, who married James Perkins; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Sallie, widow of the late Joel C. Andrews, and James M.

Joseph Steinbarger grew up in Mad River township and attended the common schools there and in Urbana township. He farmed with his father until the latter's death, then began farming for himself, but has continued on the same farm to the present time.

In March, 1898, Mr. Steinbarger was married to Mrs. Virginia (Hedges) Shellenbarger, a daughter of Newton and Eliza (Todd) Hedges. To this union one child has been born, a daughter, Ruth, who is now attending high school. Politically, Mr. Steinbarger is a Republican. He was at one time road supervisor. He is a member of the Hickory Grove Baptist church and was the first person baptised in that church.

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### ANSON BAUGHMAN.

Anson Baughman, one of Salem township's progressive farmers and stockmen, now farming the Clayton farm, and the owner of a fine farm over in the neighboring township of Harrison, was born in the adjoining county of Union, but has been a resident of this county for the past fifteen years or more and during that time has gained a wide acquaintance throughout the northern part of the county. He was born on July 31, 1865, son of John and Anna (Lehman) Baughman, the former a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and the latter of Virginia, whose last days were spent in Union county.

John Baughman came from his native county of Fairfield when he was a young man and settled in Union county, where he presently married and established his home. For some time after coming to Union county he



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engaged in the manufacture of potash and later took up farming, spending the rest of his life on a farm. He lived to be ninety-two years of age. He was born in 1813 and died in 1906. His wife had preceded him to the grave many years, she having died at the age of sixty-six. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: Elizabeth, deceased; William, deceased; Barbara, who married James Gray, living in Union county; Kate, who married John E. Bright and is also living in Union county; Lydia Ann, deceased; John, who is now living in Marion county, this state; Leroy, deceased; Samuel, who died in youth; Joseph, of Marysville, this state, and Samantha, wife of Perry C. Converse, of Plain City, in the neighboring county of Madison.

Anson Baughman was reared on a farm in Union county and received his schooling in the common schools. He remained on the farm until his marriage in the fall of 1890, after which he made his home in Marysville, county seat of his native county, where for eleven years he was engaged in the employ of the Robinson, Curry & Rousch Manufacturing Company. In March, 1902, he came over into Champaign county and located on the Samuel D. Clayton farm in Salem township, where he is now living and where he ever since has made his home. Mr. Baughman is farming there two hundred and twenty acres and is carrying on his operations on a somewhat extensive scale. He feeds all he raises, besides buying considerable hay and grain for his live stock and has done well as a stockman. He is the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty-two and one-half acres in Harrison township and is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of his neighborhood. He is "independent" in his political views, believing that in local affairs the voter should be guided by his desire to see only the fittest men in office.

On September 9, 1890, Anson Baughman was united in marriage, in Union county, to Hattie M. Robinson, who also was born in that county, daughter of John Mordel and Harriet E. (Taylor) Robinson, the former of whom also was born in Union county and the latter at Kings Creek, this county, both now deceased. John M. Robinson was a substantial citizen and a well-known merchant, farmer and stockman in Union county. Mr. and Mrs. Baughman have one child, a daughter, Madeline, who married Carl Dorman and lives in Urbana. They also had a son, Hugh Taylor, who died at the age of three months on January 3, 1893. The Baughmans are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Baughman is a member of the fraternal order of the Knights of Pythias.

## DAVID DETWEILER.

A painstaking and successful farmer of Salem township is David Detweiler, who has long been interested in the general development of Champaign county. He was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1877, a son of Eli B. and Rachael S. (Greer) Detweiler. The father also was born in Mifflin county, where he grew up and learned the carpenter's trade. He also followed bridge building, working at both trades in Pennsylvania until he came to Ohio in 1885, and located in Salem township, Champaign county, working out as a farm hand the first year. In 1889 he worked near Kennard for a short time, then settled in Kings creek. He died in Pennsylvania while on a visit there, October 3, 1909. His wife had preceded him to the grave only a few months, her death having occurred on June 29 of that same year. Eli B. Detweiler was a son of Jonathan Detweiler, who engaged in farming in Pennsylvania all his life. Fourteen children were born to Eli B. Detweiler and wife, eight of whom are now living, namely: Rufus, of Salem township, Champaign county; John P., a farmer, of Salem township; William, of Marysville, Ohio; David, the subject of this review; Orin, who lives in Salem township; Anna, who married Harry Cooper; Margaret, who married Clint Boyer, and Ella, who married Marion Gaul.

David Detweiler spent his boyhood in Pennsylvania and there attended the public schools. He also went to school after coming with the rest of the family to Champaign county. After leaving school he worked out as a farm hand from the age of fifteen to twenty-two. He then married and rented a farm of seventy-seven acres, two and one-half miles from Kings creek, for two years; then moved to near Hagenbaugh, where he rented a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. A year later he located on the Carson farm south of Urbana, which place consists of one hundred and sixty acres and there he farmed four years; then moved back to Salem township and farmed the J. R. Block place of eighty acres for three years, then, in 1909, bought thirty-two acres east of Kings creek, which he operated three years, at the end of which time he sold it and rented one hundred and eighty acres in Harrison township, remaining there for four years. In March, 1917, he moved on the Tritt farm in Salem township, where he is now carrying on general farming operations.

Mr. Detweiler was married in 1900 to Anna Clark, a daughter of James and Amanda (Gorley) Clark, and to this union five children have



been born, Esta, Pauline, James, Raymond and Francis, all of whom are attending school in Salem township at this writing.

Mr. Detweiler is an independent voter. He belongs to the Grange, and holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Kings Creek.

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### JOHN G. WOLCOTT.

The late John G. Wolcott, who died in the summer of 1917, was one of the well-known farmers living in the western part of this county and was the proprietor of a fine farm of eighty-two acres on rural mail route No. 1, out of St. Paris, three and one-half miles west of that city and one mile east of Lena. He was born on a farm in Brown township, in the neighboring county of Miami, February 20, 1851, son of Benjamin L. and Jane E. (Boyd) Wolcott, prominent residents of that community. Benjamin L. Wolcott was born in Warren county, this state, and his wife was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. They were married in Miami county and after their marriage located on a farm in Lost Creek township, that county, but three years later moved to a farm in Brown township, same county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Benjamin L. Wolcott was a carpenter as well as a farmer. Politically, he was a Republican and, fraternally, was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife were members of the Lena Baptist church and their children were reared in the faith of that communion. They had five children, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch being Louis, a farmer, living near Conover; Emma J., wife of John Michaels, of Lena; Jared, who is farming the old home place, and William, who died at the age of three years.

Reared on a farm, John G. Wolcott early became a practical farmer and continued engaged in that vocation all his life, becoming the owner of a well-improved farm of eighty-two acres, which he brought up to an excellent state of cultivation. He had other interests besides those of his farm and was a stockholder in the Central National Bank of St. Paris. In addition to his general farming he also gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock and did very well. Politically, Mr. Wolcott was a Republican, but was not an office seeker. He was a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lena and was treasurer of the same. Fraternally, he was affiliated with Industry Lodge No. 256, In-

dependent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a past noble grand of the same. Mr. Wolcott was twice married. His first wife, Hannah L. Wells, died at the age of twenty-three years, leaving two children, Maude D., wife of Harvey Coddington, and Harley, who died at the age of three years. On March 5, 1885, he married, secondly, Rosella M. Hewitt and to this union two children were born, Stella B., wife of George H. Printz, of St. Paris, and Mary A., wife of Albert Leedom. Mrs. Wolcott is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an active interest in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community in which she lives.

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### ALEX T. MCBETH.

The late Alex T. McBeth, for years one of the best-known and most prosperous farmers in Harrison township, the owner of a choice parcel of land containing three hundred and forty acres of the best quality and a breeder and shipper of stock, was born in the house, located in Harrison township, where he died on May 19, 1917. He was born on November 26, 1865, a son of Robert and Mary J. (Black) McBeth, who were farming people; the father a brother of Alex McBeth, who was well known throughout the county.

Robert McBeth was one of the most extensive farmers of Champaign county in his day. He was widely known as a stock buyer and shipper, and was among the pioneer farmers and breeders in this part of the state. He was a general farmer and his land was always kept in a high state of cultivation. In the days when he shipped cattle to all parts of the country, transportation facilities were limited as contrasted with the railroad facilities of today. Large numbers of cattle and hogs were driven over roads which were not of the standard now enjoyed, and some of the journeys would occupy several days before the destination was reached. Robert McBeth died on the farm on which he was born, July 16, 1895.

Alex T. McBeth was reared on his father's farm and early displayed a desire to follow the life of a farmer. It was on his father's farm that he was born. He was educated in the public schools of Harrison township and on the completion of his school course he worked on the home farm for several years. Some time later he was married and commenced farming on his own account and was successful along that line. His fine farm of

three hundred and forty acres was brought up to an excellent state of cultivation, the outbuildings and the farm equipment being of an up-to-date class. He bought and shipped cattle on a large scale and was generally regarded as one of the progressive and substantial farmers in the township.

On October 17, 1889, Alex T. McBeth was united in marriage to Ida Craig, the daughter of William B. and India Anna (Hess) Craig, the former born in Berkeley county, Virginia, and the latter in Champaign county, Ohio. William B. Craig died in 1886, and his wife died in 1911, at the age of eighty-four. As a boy William B. Craig located in Muskingum county, Ohio, coming from Virginia. Later he came to Champaign county. He had only fifty cents when he married and finally owned four hundred acres. He had a farm on the edge of Urbana at first. He then located in the southeast corner of Harrison township. He was a staunch Republican. He and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. McBeth two children were born. Florence, the eldest, is the wife of Walter Scott, the county surveyor of Logan county, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children, Virginia and Dorothy. Taylor McBeth, the other child, was graduated from the Wesley Chapel school and is now engaged at farming. Mr. McBeth was a supporter of the Republican party, but was never a seeker after office, preferring to devote his time to his farming interests. The brick house in which he spent his life was built of brick made on the farm. The house was erected by his grandfather, Andrew McBeth and is in good condition, although more than one hundred years have elapsed since it was erected. Mrs. McBeth is still living there, very comfortably situated and has a host of friends, by whom she is held in the highest regard.

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### JAMES L. KINGSLEY.

James L. Kingsley, one of the well-known and substantial farmers of Goshen township, this county, and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on rural mail route No. 2, out of Mechanicsburg, where he and his sister, Miss Louise R. Kingsley, have a very pleasant home, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life, formerly, and for years, a teacher in the public schools of the county. He was born on a farm two and one-half miles south of Mechanicsburg on September 23, 1865, son of Lewis and Catherine (Blue) Kingsley, both

members of pioneer families in this part of the state, the latter a daughter of Jacob and Nancy Blue.

Lewis Kingsley, who for years was one of the best-known residents of the Mechanicsburg neighborhood and for thirty-nine years a school teacher, was a native of Connecticut, born in the village of Scotland Society, in Windham county, that state, June 21, 1829, son of Jonathan and Eleanor (Howard) Kingsley, also natives of that county and both of old New England stock, the former a son of a Revolutionary soldier, who left their native state in 1835 and came to Ohio, settling in Union township, this county. Five years later, in 1840, Jonathan Kingsley moved with his family over into Madison county, but in 1846 returned to Champaign county and located at Mechanicsburg, where his wife died in that same year. He survived her six years, his death occurring in 1852, he then being sixty-six years of age. They were the parents of four children, all of whom are now deceased, those besides Lewis, the youngest, having been William, Maria and Harriet.

The Champaign county Kingsleys are of a distinguished family, dating back to the year 1183, when Raueulfh, the first to bear the name, was made hereditary forester of the king's forest in the count of Chester, by King Henry of England, and was called Raueulfh de Kingsley, or Ralph of the king's land; "ley" being Saxon for land, which accounts for the name. That he was of good repute is evidenced by the marriage of his daughter, Mabilla, to the heir of the Mostyn family, which is now represented by Lord Mostyn. The Kingsley family was on the side of the commonwealth during the civil war, after the death of Charles. Of two brothers, the elder was an officer in Cromwell's army. The younger, John Kingsley, came to the American colonies about 1635, from the county of Lancashire, England. Charles Kingsley, the distinguished author and divine, was descended from the elder brother. This John Kingsley located in Massachusetts and was one of the seven founders of the Church of Dorchester, founded in 1635 by the Rev. Richard Mather. He was married before leaving England and died in 1679, leaving several children. One, Elad, was a member of the first Baptist church formed in Massachusetts. He was born in 1638 and died in 1679, leaving among other children, John, who was born in 1665. In 1704 John Kingsley moved to Scotland Society, Connecticut, where he died on March 17, 1773. One of his sons, Ezra, had a son, Solomon, born on September 27, 1723, who married Lydia Burgess, of Canterbury, Connecticut. From Scotland Society he moved to East Windsor, Connecticut; thence to Granville, Massachusetts, and thence to

Cazenovia, New York, where he died in 1812, at the age of ninety years. He had a family of eight sons and four daughters, one of whom, Jonathan, died in Scotland Society on September 12, 1832, at the age of eighty years. Of the children of this Jonathan, three grew to maturity and were married, the youngest of these having been Jonathan Kingsley, who married Eleanor Howard and in 1835 came to Ohio, as set out in the preceding paragraph, and here spent the remainder of his life.

Having been only six years of age when he came with his parents to this county from his native Connecticut, Lewis Kingsley was reared in this county and in the neighboring county of Madison and completed his schooling in the schools of Mechanicsburg. He early evinced an unusual interest in his studies and qualified himself for the important profession of teaching, which he followed for thirty-five years, at the same time carrying on his agricultural operations, and became a substantial farmer. He was a Republican and ever took an interested part in local political affairs, his influence ever being exerted in behalf of good government. He was a charter member of Wildey Lodge No. 271, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mechanicsburg, and was past noble grand of the same. Lewis Kingsley died on January 31, 1905. His wife died on March 25, 1898. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Nellie, wife of F. P. Elsworth; Charles L., deceased; Mary, wife of Albert Brown; Louise R., who makes her home with her brother James on the farm in Goshen township; William H., deceased, and Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Mueller.

James L. Kingsley was reared on the home farm in the neighborhood of Mechanicsburg and completed his schooling in the high school at Mechanicsburg, after which he began teaching school and for thirteen years was thus engaged, meanwhile continuing his labors on the farm during the summers, his last term of school being conducted in the winter of 1897-98, since which time he has devoted his whole time to the duties of the farm, with the exception of four years, 1901-05, during which period he served as deputy sheriff of Champaign county, serving under Sheriff Dan J. Hull. He has a well-kept farm of one hundred and twenty acres and is doing well in his farming operations. He and his sister have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community. Miss Kingsley is a member of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same. She also is a member of the local lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah and is past noble grand of the same and a member of the Ohio grand lodge of

that order. Mr. Kingsley is a past noble grand of Wildey Lodge No. 271, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mechanicsburg, of which lodge his father was a charter member and a past noble grand, and has also served as noble grand of that lodge and is a member of the Ohio grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also is a member of the local Grange and has for years taken an active interest in the affairs of the same, both he and his sister giving their earnest attention to all movements having to do with the advancement of the general welfare of their home community.

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### A. E. DINGLEDINE.

A. E. Dingledine is a farmer living on his farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Mad River township, on the St. Paris and Springfield road, eight miles southeast of St. Paris, rural mail route No. 4, out of Urbana. He was born on this place, but not in the house now standing, August 1, 1856, a son of Nicholas and Catherine (Zirkle) Dingledine.

Nicholas Dingledine, father of our subject, was born in Virginia and grew to young manhood at his home in that state. He came to Ohio and found employment working as farm laborer in this county for a few years. Here he was married to Catherine Zirkle, who was born in Clark county and was reared and educated in Champaign county. After marriage Nicholas Dingledine bought this place and he and his wife established a home here, and here they spent the remainder of their lives. They had nine children, namely: John, who died in October, 1915, in Van Wert county, Ohio; Sarah, wife of Isaac Neese, of Van Wert county; Lemuel, of Jackson township, this county; Emeline, wife of Samuel R. Neff; Martha J., wife of Henry Dibert, of Mad River township; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Robert Fowler, of Terre Haute, this county; Catherine, wife of Frank Gebhart, of Springfield, Ohio; Hannah, wife of Sol. Walborn, of Jackson township, and A. E., the subject of this sketch. Nicholas Dingledine was a member of the Lutheran church. He died at the age of forty-seven years. He was a very successful farmer. He was a Democrat in politics.

A. E. Dingledine was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. He lived here until his marriage to Margaret Brown, a daughter of Nathan Brown, who was born and reared in Champaign county. After marriage he and his young wife set up house-keeping here and continued to make this their home. To them seven chil-





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dren have been born, all of whom are living: Cella, who married Charles Bishop; Bert; Tressie; Elizabeth, who married Wesley Shafer; Ellet, of Bloomington, New York; Homer, of Mad River township, and Emmet, at home.

Mrs. Dingledine is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Terre Haute. Mr. Dingledine is an honorary member of the Junior Order of Mechanics, at Terre Haute. He is a Democrat in politics and served one term as school director of his township. He is engaged in general farming and gives a good deal of attention to cattle, hog and sheep raising.

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### D. M. BAKER.

D. M. Baker, a retired farmer, now living at St. Paris, this county, was born on the old home farm in Johnson township, September 10, 1847, a son of John and Eve (Bruner) Baker, the latter a native of Ohio and the former of Rockbridge county, Virginia. John Baker came to Ohio with his parents in an early day, the family settling in Mad River township, Champaign county, buying a farm where Joshua Rhodes now lives. There John Baker grew to manhood, assisting in the clearing and the development of the home farm and there he married Eve Bruner. They settled near Mt. Zion church, on a farm in Johnson township, becoming very comfortably established through their industry and close application to general agricultural pursuits, and there they spent the rest of their lives. Their family consisted of eight children, five of whom are living in 1917, namely: William, who lives on a farm in Jackson township; D. M., the subject of this sketch; Lemuel, who is farming in Jackson township; Ruth, the widow of Ham Stephens and Laura, the wife of John Leathley, a farmer of Jackson township. Among those deceased was Peter Baker, who was a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, was wounded in battle, died in Nashville, Tennessee, and was buried there.

D. M. Baker was reared on the home farm in Jackson township and received his education in the district schools. He assisted his father with the work on the home farm until he was twenty-two years old. On November 28, 1869, he married Anna Runyon, who was born on December 20, 1847, in Mad River township, this county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school.

After his marriage Mr. Baker farmed on rented land a few years,

then in 1872, bought a farm of eighty acres in Johnson township, on which he resided for a period of forty-four years, during which time he made a very comfortable living as a general farmer and stock raiser. He also owns property in St. Paris and is one of the stockholders in the First National Bank of St. Paris. By his own efforts he forged to the front from a beginning none too promising. His family consisted of seven children, five of whom are living in 1917, namely: Lola, wife of Perry Wheaton; Carrie, wife of J. C. Heaston, of St. Paris; Sylvia and Sylvan, twins, the former of whom is now the wife of John C. Burnside, of Troy, Ohio, and the latter of whom married Alice Bray and lives on a farm in Jackson township, and Maude, the wife of D. Huff, of Troy, Ohio. The other two children died in early life.

Politically, Mr. Baker is a Republican. He is a member of Grafton Chapel Methodist Episcopal church. He has spent his life in his native locality and has taken an active part in its development in a general way and bears an unblemished reputation for citizenship.

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#### WILLIAM W. MILLICE.

William W. Millice, a well-known and substantial farmer of Goshen township, this county, and one of the most progressive citizens of the Mechanicsburg neighborhood, was born on the farm on which he is now living, the old Christopher Millice place, and has lived there all his life. He was born on January 21, 1874, son of Benjamin A. and Emily (Yocum) Millice, who are still living there, substantial and honored "old settlers" of that community.

Benjamin A. Millice was born on that same farm in 1835, a son of Christopher and Mary Magdalene (Rhinehart) Millice, the former of whom was a son of Henry Millice, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania back in pioneer days and bought a thousand acres of the Arbuckle grant in Goshen township, this county, established his home there and became one of the most useful and influential pioneers of that section of the county, the family now being widely represented hereabout in the fifth generation. Henry Millice was born and reared in Pennsylvania, a son of Henry Millice, a native of Germany and a soldier of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. The senior Henry Millice had come to this country in Colonial days with a brother; and, when the Revolution broke out, both he and his brother

joined the patriot forces to fight for the independence of the colonies. During the progress of the war, the brothers were separated and Henry Millice never again heard from his brother. The junior Henry Millice was an excellent farmer and a good business man, who did well his part in the labors of developing the community in which he settled in this county in pioneer days. He established a comfortable home and lived to see the greater part of his extensive tract of land developed into good farms. The old home place, which was in turn farmed by his son Christopher Millice, is still in the possession of the family, owned by Christopher's son Benjamin and managed by the latter's son, William W. Millice. Christopher Millice was born in Pennsylvania, and reared on the farm in Goshen township. After his marriage to Mary Magdalene Rhinehart, also a member of one of the pioneer families of this section, he established his home in Goshen township and there spent the remainder of his life, a well-to-do farmer and stockman. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Benjamin A. was the seventh in order of birth. Among the others are Samuel; Mrs. Elizabeth Spain; Jonathan N., a well-to-do farmer of Goshen township; George, of Mechanicsburg; Mrs. Susanna Spain, of that same township; Hannah, who married Morris Yocum, and Rosanna, twin sister of Benjamin, who died in her infancy. As the youngest son of the family, Benjamin A. Millice remained on the home farm, where he is still living; and about a year after his marriage established his home there, becoming the mainstay of his aging parents, and has ever since made that place his home. He married Emily Yocum, who also was born in this county, August 17, 1847, her parents having been substantial farmers in the vicinity of Cable, in Union township. To this union two children were born, William W. Millice having a sister, Cora, wife of William J. Romine, of Mechanicsburg. During the progress of the Civil War, Benjamin A. Millice served as a soldier of the Union, enlisting in 1864 and going to the front as a member of the Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and serving with that command until the close of the war. He is a member of Stephen A. Baxter Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Mechanicsburg and has for years taken an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. He and his wife are life-long members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg, and have ever taken an active part in church work. Politically, he is a Republican.

Reared on the home farm, William W. Millice has lived there all his life, an active and progressive farmer. He completed his schooling in the

Mechanicsburg schools and was married when twenty-one years of age, he and his wife establishing their home on the old Millice place, where they have continued to make their home. It was on September 18, 1895, that William W. Millice was united in marriage to Lula Moody, who also was born in this county, daughter of John R. and Serepta (Bowen) Moody, and to this union two daughters have been born, Cora Margaret and Laura Irene, both of whom are now students in the Mechanicsburg high school. Mr. Millice is a Republican and gives a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. He is a Royal Arch Mason, past master of the local lodge at Mechanicsburg, former high priest of the chapter at that place, and both he and his wife are members of Caroline Chapter No. 39, Order of the Eastern Star. They are identified with the First Church of Christ (Scientist) at Mechanicsburg and take an earnest interest in the affairs of the same.

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### SAMUEL MILEY.

Samuel Miley, a farmer of Adams township, Champaign county, was born near Westville, in Mad River township, this county, March 4, 1843. He is a son of John and Arlena (Dennett) Miley, both natives of Virginia, he of Shenandoah county and she of Page county. He was a son of John Miley, Sr. John Miley, Jr., grew to manhood in his native state and when a young man he moved to Champaign county, Ohio and married here, Arlena Dennett, who came here with her parents when young. After his marriage he settled on a farm near Westville, but finally moved to Concord township, then to Johnson township, this county, where he spent the rest of his life. He started out with nothing but he became owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He was a Democrat; and an active member of the Baptist church. His family consisted of four children, namely: Dr. Joel, who is practicing medicine near Camden, Missouri, and was graduated from the Cincinnati, Ohio, Medical College; Samuel, of this sketch; Dr. Isaiah, also a graduate of the Cincinnati Medical College, a practicing physician at Anderson, Indiana; and Mary E., unmarried, and lives at Millers-town, Ohio.

Samuel Miley grew to manhood on the home farm in Johnson township, where he attended the district schools. He worked with his father on the home farm until he was twenty-five years old. On June 10, 1869, he married Elizabeth J. Ammon, a native of Millerstown, Ohio, and a daughter



of Jacob Ammon. She grew up in her native community and was educated in the public schools. After his marriage Mr. Miley moved on the farm he now owns in Adams township, where he owns eighty acres; he also owns another eighty acres in Johnson township. As a general farmer and stock raiser, Mr. Miley has been very successful. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miley, namely; Elnora, the widow of William McNeal, who has one daughter, Harlena, a teacher in the Rosewood school; Minnie, the wife of Charles Burns of Adams township; Arlena, who married O. D. Clark; Walter D., who is single and lives at home.

Politically, Mr. Miley is a Democrat, and in the creed of this party he is a strong believer. He is at present a member of the local school board, and had served Adams township as trustee for nine successive years. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows has in Mr. Miley an active member, for he belongs to Crayon Lodge No. 397, of which he is past noble grand, and was secretary for twenty years; he also is a member of Lodge No. 141, St. Paris Encampment, of which organization he is past patriarch. In addition to this, he and his wife are both members of the Daughters of Rebekah. Not only is Mr. Miley prominent in fraternal circles, but he is also an active and influential member of the Millerstown Baptist church, as is his wife. Of this church he has been clerk for forty years continuously.

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### CHARLES V. BURNS.

One of the farmers of Adams township, Champaign county, who believes in following twentieth century methods in lieu of those of the pioneers is C. V. Burns, who was born at Spring Hill, Harrison township, this county, July 12, 1871. He is a son of Jezeiah and Eliza (Bradshaw) Burns. These parents were born in Bath county, Virginia, where they grew to maturity. They were married, however, in Cumberland, Maryland, and at once they came to Champaign county, Ohio. They located on a farm in Harrison township, renting the old Baldrige place for a few years, then moved to Spring Hill, where Mr. Burns turned his attention to the road contracting business. After he followed this with success about seven years, he bought part of the old Baldrige farm and again moved thereto. On selling out, he moved to a farm in Johnson township, east of St. Paris, where he continued general farming with his usual success, until the spring of 1916. In that year he moved to St. Paris, where he remained until his

death, which occurred in that village on January 4, 1917. His widow still lives there. To these parents three children were born, namely: Ida, the wife of Edward Piatt, a farmer of near Spring Hill, Harrison township; C. V., of this sketch; and Bertha, wife of John P. Kite.

During the Civil War, Jezekiah Burns served in the Union army as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, proving a faithful and efficient soldier and taking part in numerous engagements. He was, in after years, a member of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at St. Paris. For many years he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife were life-long members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his younger days he was a local preacher of this denomination and always took an active interest in church affairs. He was one of the useful and influential men of his locality.

C. V. Burns was reared on the home farm in Harrison township, where he attended the district schools. On December 30, 1891, he married Minnie Miley, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Ammons) Miley. After his marriage, he remained on the home farm one year, then moved to the Miley place in Johnson township, but a year later moved back to the home place. In the next year he moved to the Harshman farm in Adams township, remaining there five years, then moved to the McInturff farm in Harrison township. After living four years there, he moved to the Harshman farm again, remaining there three years, and then moved to St. Paris, where he conducted a livery stable under the firm name of Burns & Mattoon for five years, and for four years more under the firm name of Burns & Malmsbury. At the end of that time Mr. Burns sold out his interest and conducted an automobile business in St. Paris for three years, and, although he sold out some time ago, he is still agent for the Ford cars in Adams and Johnson townships. During the period of his residence in St. Paris, he still operated the Harshman farm, and in the spring of 1916 he purchased his present farm of eighty acres, three miles southeast of Rosewood, in Adams township. In connection with his own farm he still operates the Harshman farm, conducting in all two hundred acres, on which he raises a large quantity of grain and large numbers of live stock annually, especially hogs, feeding several carloads for the market each year. He also deals in horses.

To Mr. Burns and wife two children have been born, namely: Hazel M., who attended the St. Paris schools, later graduating from the Moore's Business College at Urbana, Ohio, and now in the employ of the H. B. Hole Poultry Company, of St. Paris; and Cleome I., at home.

Politically, Mr. Burns is a Democrat. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias at St. Paris, also Crayon Lodge No. 317, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of St. Paris, of which he is past noble grand, and was financial secretary for about five years; he also belongs to the Russell Encampment at St. Paris.

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### WILBUR T. COLLINS.

Wilbur T. Collins, a substantial and progressive farmer, owner of one hundred and twenty-four acres of choice land and also engaged in the raising of high grade stock, lives in Jackson township, two miles south and three-quarters of a mile east of St. Paris. He was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, on December 28, 1867, a son of Capt. S. and Sarah J. (Kiser) Collins.

Capt. Tandy S. Collins was born in Orange county, Virginia, on October 12, 1832, and died in February, 1907. His wife, Sarah L. Kiser, was born in Mad River township, this county, on March 28, 1842, and died on October 6, 1916. They were earnest members of the Baptist church and always displayed a warm interest in its services and good works, at the same time supporting all movements having for their object the welfare of the community. They were regarded as excellent citizens and their deaths left a void in the hearts of a large circle of friends. Captain Collins and wife were the parents of six children, five of whom are living in 1917: Charles, of Tremont, Ohio; Ida, wife of Daniel Prince, of Springfield; John P., who lives in Tremont; Wilbur, the subject of this sketch, and Irwin S., who lives in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Wilbur T. Collins was reared on a farm in Mad River township and attended the district schools in that township until he was fourteen years of age. On the completion of his school course he worked on the farm and remained at home until he was twenty-eight years old. He then married Ada D. Apple, the marriage taking place on January 23, 1896. She was born in Jackson township, a daughter of Noah and Catherine (Seibert) Apple. Noah Apple was born in Jackson township on May 21, 1840, and died on February 20, 1910. His wife, Catherine Seibert, was born in Johnson township, three miles northwest of St. Paris, on August 16, 1842, and is still living at the advanced age of seventy-five and in the enjoyment of good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins settled on the farm which they now occupy and

here Mr. Collins is engaged in general farming and stock raising of all kinds, his produce in the latter line always finding a ready market, the quality being of high grade. His farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres is in an excellent state of improvement, the dwelling house and out-buildings being substantial, well-built structures. Mr. and Mrs. Collins are the parents of three children, Helen, born on October 31, 1900, who is now a student in the eighth grade in the public schools; Mary C., February 17, 1907, and Dorothy, August 23, 1909. Mrs. Collins is a member of the Lutheran church at St. Paris and is active in all church affairs, as well as taking an earnest part in the general social life and in the well-being of the community. Mr. Collins leans toward the Democratic party in political matters, but is generally found voting independently, believing that the qualities and qualifications of candidates are of more importance to the public interests than mere party affiliation. He has never been a seeker after public office.

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### ELMER G. POLK.

Elmer G. Polk, a farmer living in Concord township, this county, was born near Quincy, Logan county, Ohio, November 28, 1867. He is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Wren) Polk, and a grandson of Geba Polk, a kinsman of President James K. Polk, who came to Ohio from Maryland in 1802. Geba Polk settled in Logan county, Ohio, in a very early day, taking up one hundred and sixty acres from the government, just south of Black Lake. There he built a log cabin in the forest. Indians were still numerous in that country. He carved out a farm from the wilderness through years of hard work and privation. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and was active in the affairs of his community, helping develop his locality along all lines. He was an earnest church member. His family consisted of six children, Robert, Laton, William, Sarah, Margaret and Mary.

Robert Polk was born on the home farm in Logan county, where he was reared, working, as did all pioneer children. He received a limited education in the early-day schools. He first married a Miss Harper, by whom one child was born. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Wren, by whom nine children were born, six of whom are living in 1917, namely: Ada, wife of S. E. Caldwell, of Stark county, Ohio; Charles, who followed teaching a number of years and is now a rural mail carrier out of Zanesfield, Ohio; Mary, wife of John Barger of Salem township, this county; Elmer



ELMER G. POLK





G., the subject of this sketch; Eva, widow of Otho Frields and graduate of the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, now living in Quincy, Illinois, where she is a successful teacher, being at this writing superintendent of the Chaddock Boys School, and Joseph, who is farming in Concord township, this county.

Elmer G. Polk grew to manhood on the home farm in Logan county, and received his education in the common schools, which, however, was limited; in view of the fact that he began life for himself when only twelve years old, working out by the month for a number of years. He saved his earnings and finally had enough to start farming on his own account. He now owns eighty acres of well-improved and productive land. In connection with general cropping he raises a good grade of live stock, in fact, has made most of his annual income for many years on hogs, preparing large numbers for the market.

Mr. Polk was married on June 22, 1893, to Hattie Myers, a native of Kentucky. She received excellent educational advantages, passing through the common schools and graduating from Augusta College. After finishing her education she engaged successfully in teaching for many years. Her death occurred in 1912. She left no children.

Mr. Polk is a Republican. He belongs to Launcelot Lodge No. 107, Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Baptist church, to which his wife also belonged.

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### CHARLES A. McDANIELS.

Charles A. McDaniels, farmer of Wayne township, this county, was born in Harrison county, West Virginia, March 8, 1862. He is a son of Presley and Malissa (Moore) McDaniels. The father was a native of Barbour county, now in West Virginia, but formerly of the Old Dominion, and the mother was born in Pennsylvania. They located on a farm in the former state where they spent their lives. Seven children were born to them, E. E., Charles A., A. J., H. C., W. A., Anna and Margaret.

Charles A. McDaniels grew to manhood in West Virginia and attended school in Harrison and Marion counties. After leaving school he continued farming on the home place for a number of years, then began working in the coal mines, where he remained for nine years, first employed by the Hutchinson Coal Company, later by the Fairmount Consolidated Company.

He came to Ohio in 1904 and bought a farm of ninety-seven acres in Wayne township, Champaign county, and began improving the place by building a fine new home and a large barn. Here he has since engaged in general farming and has increased his holdings to one hundred and forty-seven and one-half acres. He prepares for market a large number of hogs annually.

Mr. McDaniels was married in 1883 to Ida Miller, daughter of Cyrus Miller and wife. To that union one child was born, Lonnie Carl McDaniels, who married Mae McCarty, and has two children, Mildred and an infant. After the death of his first wife, Charles A. McDaniels married Ella King, a daughter of Green and Tena King, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Alma, who married Guy Black and has four children, Vernon, Earl, Sherline, Curtis, and Ray, Gepsey, Earl, Cladda, who are living at home.

Politically, Mr. McDaniels is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a past noble grand of the local lodge of that order. He has been a member of the local school board for the past ten years and is at this writing president of the same. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life with very little means, as his father died when he was but a boy, and he has had his own way to make in the world; but by perseverance and close application he has become very comfortably established.

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#### ALEX C. STEPHENSON.

One of the progressive and up-to-date farmers of Adams township, this county, is Alex C. Stephenson, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and sixteen acres located on the Sidney and West Liberty pike, on rural route No. 1, out of Peniberton, Ohio. Mr. Stephenson was born on this farm on October 16, 1866, the son of Joseph and Lydia (Johnston) Stephenson, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

Joseph Stephenson was born in Logan county, Ohio, May 16, 1830, and died on May 13, 1916. He was a son of Charles Stephenson, who came to Logan county, Ohio, as a young man from Green Briar county, Virginia, being among the early pioneers of that part of the state. He also lived in Clark county, Ohio, in the early days. The Stephenson family are supposed to be originally of Irish descent, and Charles Stephenson married Rachel Johnson, whose parents were also Virginians, and among the early

pioneer settlers of Logan county, Ohio; although on their way from Virginia, they stopped and lived for a short time in Clark county, Ohio. Joseph Stephenson was reared on his father's farm in Logan county, and after reaching manhood was married to Lydia Johnston, who was born on the farm where A. C. Stephenson now lives, on August 15, 1832, a daughter of Walter and Sarah (McCrosky) Johnston. Walker Johnston was a native of Kentucky, who came with his father, Silas Johnston, to Ohio when a small lad. Silas Johnston was the first white settler in Johnson township, this county, the township deriving its name from his. He entered land from the government just north of where the village of Millerstown now stands, and here he lived the remainder of his life. Walter Johnston came as a young man to Adams township, and entered one hundred and seventy-six acres of government land in that district, and on this farm he lived the rest of his life. After his marriage, Joseph Stephenson and his wife started farming for themselves by renting land in different places in this and Shelby county, Ohio, but in 1850 they settled on the old Johnston home place, where they lived the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of five children, of whom only one son, the subject of this review, is now living. The others were as follow: Charles, who died at the age of two years; Martha, who died at the age of three years, and two, who died in infancy. Joseph Stephenson was a Baptist in his religious faith, while his wife was an adherent of the United Brethren faith. He was a Democrat in politics, and active in the councils of his party in the early days of the township, serving as trustee of the township for several terms.

Alex C. Stephenson was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving his education in the district schools of his home township. After reaching manhood he started to farming on his own account on the home farm, where he has always lived. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and ranks among the prominent and progressive farmers of the township.

Mr. Stephenson has been twice married, his first wife having been Laura J. McCarty, to whom he was married on February 5, 1891, and to that union were born two children: Ethel, of Shelby county, Ohio, and Harry, who is living at home with his father. The mother of these children died on February 3, 1907, and on January 9, 1910, Mr. Stephenson was united in marriage to Ellen M. Maurice, the daughter of Joseph and Isabelle (Neese) Maurice, to which union has been born one child, a son, Charles Claire, born on July 14, 1917. The family are earnest and consistent members of the Christian church at Carysville.

Politically, Mr. Stephenson is a Democrat, but is broad and liberal in

his public views of men and affairs. In 1916 he was the Democratic nominee for county commissioner. He has served his township as a member of the board of education for a number of years, and was township trustee for four years. In 1900 he served as land appraiser, and in 1914 and 1915 as assessor of his township, and for years has been a member of the Democratic township committee.

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### W. H. CHENEY.

W. H. Cheney, president of the common council of the city of Mechanicsburg, one of the most active and progressive residents of that city and the owner of a fine farm of five hundred and twenty-six acres in Goshen township, not far from the city, was born in Mechanicsburg and has lived there all his life, one of the best-known citizens of that part of Champaign county. He was born on November 28, 1875, son of James H. and Beatrice S. (Tullis) Cheney, both members of old families in this county, whose last days were spent in Mechanicsburg.

James H. Cheney was born on a pioneer farm in Union township, this county, December 1, 1839, son of Jonathan and Rachel (Williams) Cheney and grandson of Benjamin and Sarah (Cochran) Cheney, the latter of whom came from their native Virginia to this part of Ohio in 1808 and settled on a tract of "Congress land" in Union township, this county. Benjamin Cheney was one of the most forceful and influential pioneers of Champaign county and at the time of his death in 1834 had accumulated land holdings here in excess of two thousand acres. He and his wife were the parents of seven children and the Cheney family is thus largely represented in this part of Ohio in the present generation.

Jonathan Cheney, one of the children of Benjamin, was born on that pioneer farm in Union township in 1816. For upward of twelve years he represented this district in the Ohio state Legislature and for an equal period of time acted as justice of the peace in and for his home township. He became a man of substance in the community, living there until his death on March 6, 1864. In 1836 he married Rachel Williams, also a member of one of the pioneer families of Champaign county, a daughter of John W. and Eleanor (Duval) Williams, and to that union were born eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. James Henry Cheney, one of the sons of this union, grew to manhood on the Cheney farm and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer

Infantry, and in later years was an active member of Stephen A. Baxter Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Mechanicsburg. In 1860 James H. Cheney married Beatrice S. Tullis, also a member of one of Champaign county's first families, a daughter of Ezra C. and Sarah E. (Edmonston) Tullis, natives, respectively, of this county and of the state of Maryland, the latter having come to Champaign county when a child of four years with her parents, who settled on the farm in Goshen township now owned by the subject of this sketch. In 1875 James H. Cheney moved with his family to Mechanicsburg and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he for years being a member of the official board of the same and she for many years a singer in the choir. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being E. E. Cheney, a well-known lawyer at Urbana; Brooks E., who died in 1890, and Elizabeth, wife of Marion Burnham, mayor of the city of London, county seat of the neighboring county of Madison.

W. H. Cheney was reared in Mechanicsburg and upon completing the course in the high school there took a supplementary course in Ohio Northern University at Ada. From the days of his young manhood he has been attentive to the affairs of the farm and is now the owner of a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm of five hundred and twenty-six acres in the neighborhood of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, operating the same from his established residence in Mechanicsburg. Mr. Cheney has always given his earnest attention to local civic affairs and to such movements as are designed to advance the general welfare of his home town and the community at large and is one of Mechanicsburg's most public-spirited "boosters." For the past twelve years he has been a member of the common council from his ward and for the past six years has been president of the same, giving to his official duties his most thoughtful and intelligent attention. He is a Republican and has long been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in that section of the county.

One June 18, 1902, W. H. Cheney was united in marriage to Agnes Alberta Hodge, who was born in Union township, this county, October 23, 1875, daughter of Samuel and Amanda Hodge, and to this union three children have been born, but one of whom is now living, a daughter, Isabel, born on February 2, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney have a very pleasant home in Mechanicsburg and take an interested part in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Cheney is a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and takes an active interest in Masonic affairs.

## JOHN W. SIDDERS.

John W. Sidders, farmer, of Salem township, this county, was born on June 19, 1856, in Hunterdon county, New Jersey. He is a son of James and Sarah (Robbins) Sidders, both also natives of Hunterdon county, where they grew up and married. In 1867 they came to Ohio and bought a farm on the state road, five miles north of Urbana, in Salem township, Champaign county, the place consisting of one hundred and twenty-seven acres, and there they engaged in farming the rest of their lives, the father dying at the age of seventy-five and the mother when sixty-seven years old. They were members of the Presbyterian church at West Liberty. Their family consisted of twelve children, namely: George, now deceased, who married Ada J. Parke, who lives in Salem township; Alice, widow of Eli Glover, who now lives in Nebraska; John W., the subject of this sketch; Sylvester R., now deceased, who lived in Nebraska and married Jennie Case; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. John H. Wolf, of DeGraff, Ohio; Annie, wife of Orin R. Tritt, a banker of Urbana; Charity, wife of Ellery Robbins, of Trenton, New Jersey; Jersey Belle, who died when fourteen years of age; James, who is farming in Logan county, Ohio; Mary, who died in infancy; J. M., who lives in Harrison township, this county, a farmer, and D. L., who is farming in Salem township and who married Hattie Croft.

John W. Sidders grew to manhood on the home farm and he attended the rural schools in his district, remaining with his parents until he was twenty years old, when he started out for himself, farming in Harrison township for seven years. In 1884 he went to Hamilton county, Nebraska, and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid fifteen dollars an acre. He became very active in Democratic politics there. He put up a house, barn and two wind-mills and other necessary improvements and lived there fifteen years, hail storms and drouths finally ruining him, and he lost all he had, but he persevered in the face of difficulties and subsequently made enough to buy the old home place in Salem township, this county, paying one hundred dollars per acre for one hundred acres. Returning here in 1907 he has operated the place to the present time, keeping it well improved and well cultivated.

Mr. Sidders has been twice married, first, in 1877, to Sarah V. Thomas, of Salem township. To that union five children were born, namely: Harry Clifford, of Lincoln, Nebraska, now in the employ of the International Harvester Company and who was elected county auditor of Hamilton county.



Nebraska, fifteen days after he was twenty-one years of age; Lelah Elenore, who taught school four years and worked as a stenographer four years and married Bert Miller and lives in Urbana; Claude Thomas, who was a champion wrestler for many years and is now farming at Lodge Pole, Nebraska; Sarah Mary, who married Harry Saxby and lives in Urbana, and James, who is farming in Salem township. The mother of the above-named children passed away in April, 1907, and in November, 1916, Mr. Sidders married Catherine Minnich, widow of John Minnich. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. She owns fifty-five acres in Salem township, six miles north of Urbana, where the family now resides. Politically, Mr. Sidders is a Democrat. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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#### HARDEN HALL.

One of the enterprising and successful farmers of Adams township, who has lived in the county all his life, is Harden Hall, living on his farm of sixty-five acres located on the DeGraffe and St. Paris pike about seven miles northeast of St. Paris, on rural route, No. 4. He was born on the old Hall homestead in Adams township, where his brother, Sheppard Hall, now lives, on November 18, 1840, the son of German and Ruth (Newcomb) Hall, a sketch of whose lives appears elsewhere in this work in the sketch of Sheppard Hall. German Hall came as a small child from Virginia with his parents, John Hall and wife, who settled on a farm about one and one-half miles east of where Harden Hall now lives, in Concord township, and here John Hall lived the remainder of his life. German Hall was reared on this farm and after reaching manhood, married Ruth Newcomb, who was born and reared in Adams township, this county. German Hall and wife were the parents of ten children, six of whom are living: Henry, living in Starke county, Indiana; Harden, of this review; Joel, a resident of Logan county, Ohio; Liza Ann, the wife of Thomas Wirt, a farmer of Adams township; Oliver, living in Whitley county, Indiana, and Sheppard, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Harden Hall was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving his education in the district schools of his home township, and lived on the home farm until his marriage. He then started farming for himself by renting land in Adams township, but after a few years, he purchased the farm of sixty-five acres where he is now living, and has since made his home. He is a

general farmer and stockman, and progressive and up to date in his methods.

On February 18, 1864, Harden Hall was united in marriage to Mary Ann McAlexander, the daughter of David and Elizabeth (Idle) McAlexander, who were pioneer farmers of the county. To this union four children were born: Joseph, a farmer of Adams township; Elmer, living at home; Lizzie, the wife of Sylvester Harris, a farmer living in Harrison township, and Bessie, living at home. The mother of these children died on March 24, 1913. She was a faithful and consistent member of the United Brethren church, in which church her husband still holds membership. Mr. Hall is a Democrat in politics, but has never been active in political matters, although always ready to lend his warm support to all measures having for their object the betterment of his community.

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### HENRY PAGE WILSON.

Henry P. Wilson, a farmer of Concord township, this county, was born in Salem township, June 3, 1853, a son of Ebenezer and Lucinda (Muzzy) Wilson. The father was born in Harrison township, this county, March 10, 1821. He was a son of Joseph and Eleanor (Fullengton) Wilson, who came to Ohio in pioneer days, locating in Harrison township, and there they spent the rest of their lives. He was first a Whig, later a Republican. He belonged to the Presbyterian church, in which he was an elder, an active worker and liberal contributor. His family consisted of the following children: Miles, Henry, Ebenezer, Joseph, James F., Eliza J., and Ellen. All these children but the eldest were born after the family came to Champaign county.

Ebenezer Wilson was reared on the farm in Harrison township. He was a son of Joseph Wilson and his first wife. The father was married a second time and the following children were born to his last union: Nancy, Thomas, Sarah, Mary, Price and David. Ebenezer Wilson was married in Salem township, and nine children were born to him, three of whom are living in 1917, namely: Henry Page, the subject of this sketch; Jennie, who has remained unmarried and lives in Urbana, and Nellie, also single, who also lives in Urbana.

Henry P. Wilson was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools until he was nineteen years old. He remained on the farm, assisting his father with the work on the same until he was married, in



MR. AND MRS. HENRY PAGE WILSON.



March, 1877, to Harriet E. Couchman, by whom he had four children, namely: Frank Earl, born on January 28, 1879, who married Edna Craig and is now living on a farm in Salem township, this county; Lucinda E., who married Leroy Craig and who died in 1910; Blanche, also deceased, and Helen, also deceased. Mrs. Harriet E. Wilson died on January 22, 1903, and in August, 1904, Mr. Wilson married Alta Delma Fidler, by whom one child was born, which died in infancy.

Mr. Wilson has been very successful as a general farmer. He owns one-third interest in a two-hundred-and-forty-acre farm, also owns two-thirds interest in another farm of one hundred and ten acres in Salem township. He raises graded stock of all kinds.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican. He belongs to Urbana Lodge No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Methodist church of Concord, of which he is treasurer and a member of the official board. He has been active in politics and is now serving his second term as trustee of Concord township. He also has served on the school board and on the county fair board, of which latter organization he was for twenty years treasurer.

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### GEORGE F. GOUL.

George F. Goul, proprietor of a well-kept farm of seventy-nine acres in Goshen township, this county, the same being situated three and one-half miles north of Mechanicsburg on the Mechanicsburg and Bellefontaine pike, rural route No. 1 out of Mechanicsburg, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life. He was born on April 25, 1857, son of John and Susan (Coffinbarger) Goul, the former of whom was born in this county and the latter in the state of Maryland.

John Goul was born on what is now the James Perry farm, two and a half miles northwest of Mutual, in Union township, in 1833, a son of Christopher Goul and wife, the former of whom was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, September 6, 1804, and who was but a boy when he came to Champaign county with his parents, Adam and Elizabeth Goul, who became useful and influential pioneers of Goshen township. Adam Goul was of European birth and was but eleven years of age when he departed from his native land with his parents, the family's destination being the shores of America. Both of the parents and a daughter died en route and were buried at sea. Young orphaned Adam landed at the port of Philadelphia and

was there temporarily cared for, and "bound out," later going to Virginia. He grew to manhood in Rockbridge county and there married, later coming with his family to Champaign county, as noted above, and settling in Goshen township, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives and where they are buried. Christopher Goul was reared on the pioneer farm in Goshen township and after his marriage settled in the Mutual neighborhood in Union township, where he reared his family and spent his last days. His son John grew up there and married Susan Coffinbarger, who was born in 1835 in the state of Maryland, where her father died, leaving a widow and five children, two sons and three daughters. Later the Widow Coffinbarger came with her children to Ohio, driving through with a covered wagon, Susan then being but twelve years of age, and settled with her little family in this county. After his marriage John Goul for a time made his home on his father's farm, which is still in the possession of the family, and then, about 1862, moved to a farm in Union township, remaining there for several years, at the end of which time he moved back to the old home farm, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on December 11, 1909. During the latter part of the Civil War John Goul enlisted as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command for three months. He was a Republican and he and his wife were active members of the Methodist church, he for many years acting as class leader of the local congregation. To John Goul and wife five children were born, two sons and three daughters, of whom but two are now living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Walter S. Goul, now a resident of Springfield, Ohio. Of the daughters, Isabel R. died at the age of twenty-one years, Ella died in infancy and Parthenia died when eight or ten years of age.

George F. Goul was reared on the farm, receiving his schooling in the schools of Union and Goshen townships, and remained at home until his marriage in 1882, when he and his wife started to housekeeping in a little log house on the farm on which they are now living and which presently was taken away to make place for their present substantial farm house, and they ever since have resided there. Mr. Goul is the owner of seventy-nine acres of excellent land and his place is well improved and profitably cultivated. He is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but has never been particularly active in "politics." He and his wife are members of the Treckles Creek Methodist Episcopal church and take an active interest in church affairs, Mr. Goul being a member of the board of trustees of the same and for several years clerk of the board.



On February 23, 1882, George F. Goul was united in marriage to Olive Ann Wynant, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, daughter of William and Mary (Goul) Wynant, the former a native of the state of Virginia and the latter of Ohio, whose last days were spent in Indiana. William Wynant was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1811 and when a young man came with his parents to Ohio, the family settling in this county, whence he presently went over into Indiana and in Madison county, that state, met and married Mary Goul, who was born in Ohio, but who had gone to Indiana with her parents when but a girl. After their marriage William Wynant and his wife settled on a farm in Madison county, Indiana, there reared their family and spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy, the others still surviving, Mrs. Goul having a sister, Zilpha, wife of Granville Smith, of Pendleton, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Goul have an adopted daughter, Rosa E., who married Bailey Vermillion, of Springfield, Ohio, and has three children, George R., Samuel E. and James Daniel, besides one child, a daughter, Margaret O., deceased.

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### JOHN E. STABLER.

One of the enterprising farmers living in Adams township is John E. Stabler, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of sixty-four acres located on the Rosewood-Quincy pike, on rural route No. 1, out of Quincy, one and one-half miles due north of Rosewood. Mr. Stabler was born in this township on a farm about a half mile west of his present home on December 2, 1872, the son of C. G. and Catherine (Pencil) Stabler, the former of whom was a native of Germany, and the latter of Ohio.

C. G. Stabler was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and lived in that country until he reached the age of seventeen or eighteen years, when he came to the United States, coming direct to the village of Degraff, in Ohio, looking for an uncle of his who had previously emigrated to this country. At that time Degraff consisted of a few straggling houses, and the country surrounding it only very sparsely settled. Mr. Stabler found his uncle for whom he was looking, in Logan county, Ohio, and remained with him for a short time, when he came down into Champaign county, where he met and married Catherine Pencil, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, her parents being of German ancestry. After his marriage C. G. Stabler located

on the farm where John E. Stabler was born, and where he is now living, and here they made their home for many years. C. G. Stabler is still living on the old home place, his wife having passed away some years ago. To them were born five children, four of whom are living: Mary B., the wife of B. S. Young, of Rosewood; Barbara, who died at the age of twenty years; William, a farmer of Adams township; Frank, also a resident of Adams township, and John E. The family were earnest and faithful members of the Lutheran church at Sidney, Ohio.

John E. Stabler was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving his education in the district schools of his home township. After reaching manhood he started out in life for himself by renting land in Adams township, which he farmed for two years, after which he purchased the old home farm in 1892, and has since made this his home. He is a progressive and up-to-date farmer and is making a success of his chosen calling.

On July 2, 1899, John E. Stabler was married to Minnie E. Scoby, the daughter of Thomas Scoby and wife. Mrs. Stabler was born in Shelby county, Ohio, near Pasco, and grew to womanhood in that county, making her home with a sister in later years near Quincy, Ohio, in Logan county. Mr. and Mrs. Stabler are the parents of one child, a son, Charles L., who is now a student in the sixth grade in the schools at Rosewood.

Mr. Stabler is a Republican in politics, and has always taken an active interest in local political affairs, and is now serving his fourth year as a member of the Adams township board of education. He is a member of Rosemont Lodge No. 253, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of Anderton Encampment No. 292, at Rosewood.

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### HENRY HARRISON DARLING.

Henry Harrison Darling, former mayor of Mechanicsburg, this county, and for years a well-known farrier and general jobber in blacksmithing in that city, was born at Mechanicsburg and has lived there practically all his life, with the exception of a couple of years spent in business at Irwin, this state. He was born on June 6, 1857, son of Isaac S. and Sarah (Riddle) Darling, for years well-known residents of Mechanicsburg.

Isaac S. Darling was born in the state of Virginia and was but two years of age when his parents left that state and came to Ohio, settling in Knox county, where he grew to manhood and where he learned the trade

of a cabinet-maker. In 1840 Isaac S. Darling moved to Mechanicsburg, where he began working in the cabinet shop of Daniel Neal, but not long afterward he branched out for himself and in a small way became a building contractor, which business he followed at Mechanicsburg the rest of his life, his death occurring there on August 26, 1906. His wife had preceded him to the grave several years. They were the parents of seven children, of whom five grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this sketch being Emma, wife of J. S. Neer, of Mechanicsburg; C. W., who died at Mechanicsburg in May, 1906; James C., who was killed in an accident in the South in 1882, and George W. Darling, of Mechanicsburg.

Reared at Mechanicsburg, H. H. Darling early began working and from the time he was twelve years of age until he was eighteen was employed during the school-vacation periods in a local brick yard. He then, on January 4, 1876, began an apprenticeship in a blacksmith shop and upon the completion of the same worked as a journeyman blacksmith until 1885, when he set up an establishment of his own, making a specialty of first-class horseshoeing, and has ever since been thus engaged at Mechanicsburg, with the exception of two years spent in the same line of business at Irwin. Mr. Darling is a Republican and has for years given close attention to local political affairs. For two years he served as a member of the town council from his ward, for two terms as corporation clerk, for seven years as member of the local school board and from 1908 to 1914 as mayor of Mechanicsburg, to the duties of all of which branches of the public service he devoted his most thoughtful and intelligent attention.

On October 18, 1883, H. H. Darling was united in marriage to Laura D. Ball, who was born in the city of Lebanon, Indiana, daughter of Thomas Ball and wife, the latter of whom was a Blue, and who died on July 22, 1902, leaving two children, a son and a daughter, James T., born on September 25, 1884, and Inez M., June 1, 1887, both of whom are at home with their father. Mr. Darling is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge and the chapter at Mechanicsburg, and is a past master of the former. He also is a member of Wildey Lodge No. 271, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Goshen Encampment No. 137, Patriarchs Militant, at Mechanicsburg, past noble grand of the former and past chief patriarch of the latter, and is likewise a member of Lotus Lodge No. 501, Daughters of Rebekah, at that place. He also is past chancellor commander of Home Lodge No. 474, Knights of Pythias, and past sachem of Tioga Tribe No. 91, Improved Order of Red Men, at Mechanicsburg, and in the affairs of all these several fraternal organizations take a warm and active

interest. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church and takes an interested part in church work, as well as in other local good works, helpful in promoting all movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare in the community in which he has spent practically all of his busy life.

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### SHEPPARD HALL.

Sheppard Hall, a well-known and enterprising farmer of Adams township, living on his farm three-fourths of a mile east of Rosewood, located on the Sidney-Urbana pike on rural route No. 1, out of Rosewood, was born on the same farm where he now lives on October 6, 1856, the son of German and Ruth (Newcomb) Hall, the former of whom was a native of Virginia, and the latter of this county.

German Hall was but an infant of nine months when his parents came to Champaign county, the family settling on a farm in Harrison township, where the father lived the remainder of his life. German Hall was reared to manhood on the farm in Harrison township, where he lived until after his marriage to Ruth Newcomb, who was born and reared on a farm in Adams township, this county, south of Rosewood. He and his wife located at once on the farm where Sheppard Hall now lives, and lived there the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom are now living: Henry, a resident of Starke county, Indiana; Oliver, living in Whitley county, Indiana; Harden, a farmer of Adams township; Eliza A., wife of Thomas Wirt, a farmer living south of Carysville, Ohio; Joel, living in Logan county, Ohio, and Sheppard, the immediate subject of this review. German Hall and wife were earnest and consistent members of the Christian church at Carysville, Ohio, taking an active part in church affairs. He was a Democrat in politics, but being a quiet, unassuming man, took no active part in politics.

Sheppard Hall was born and reared on the farm where he is now living, and has lived all his life. He was a student in the district schools of his home township. After his marriage he settled on the home place, which is a fine farm of forty acres where Mr. Hall is very successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, ranking among the progressive and up-to-date farmers of Adams township.

In January, 1880, Sheppard Hall was united in marriage to Philena J. Pine, a daughter of William and Mariah Pine, farmers of Harrison town-

ship, this county, and to this union three children have been born: Marion D., a farmer of Johnson township, this county; Etna Belle, wife of Charles Chambers, a farmer of Adams township, and Clarence E., who lives at home with his parents, and is employed in Rosewood, Ohio. The family are active members of the United Brethren church at Rosewood, in which church Mr. Hall has served as class leader for years. He is a Democrat in politics, and takes an active interest in all local public affairs, having served his township as clerk for two years. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 253, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past noble grand of that order at Rosewood.

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### CHARLES WILLIAM WILLIAMS.

The late Charles William Williams, for years one of the best-known and most progressive merchants of Mechanicsburg, who died at his home in that city on May 6, 1905, and whose widow is still living there, was a native of the state of Ohio, born at Mechanicsburg on May 4, 1841, son of Richard Duval and Jane (Cleggett) Williams. He early became engaged in the mercantile business, continuing in that business at Mechanicsburg until his death, which occurred on May 8, 1905. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was for years regarded as one of the most active supporters of the work of the local congregation, his father before him also having been an active worker in the church. Politically, he was a Republican and had ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, interested in all movements having to do with the general upbuilding of his home community.

Mr. Williams was twice married. His first wife, who before her marriage was Rebecca Guy, died, leaving three children, Edwin, now of New York City; Alta Rebecca, wife of Charles W. Martin, of Mechanicsburg, and Frances G., a music teacher at Columbus, this state. On September 26, 1878, C. W. Williams married Mary H. Horr, who was born at Mechanicsburg, in the property now owned by Milton Cheney, March 7, 1854, daughter of William and Mary (Cone) Horr.

Both William Horr and his wife were born in the village of Denmark, not far from Carthage, in Lewis county, New York, where they grew up and were married. Not long afterward they drove through to Ohio and located at Mechanicsburg, where William Horr bought a farm in the vicinity

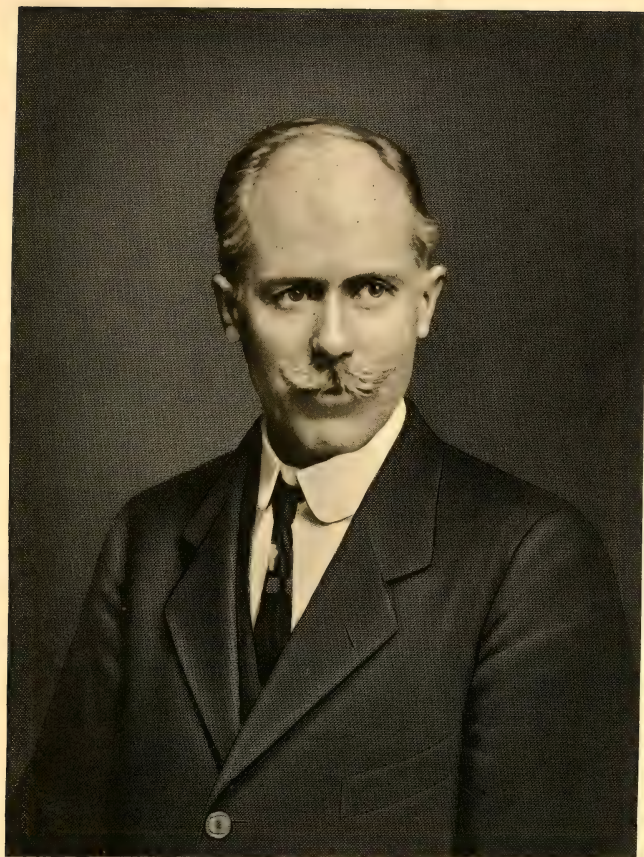
of the same, in Goshen township, and there established his home, he and his wife spending the remainder of their lives there, useful and influential members of that community. They were members of the Methodist Protestant church and were active in good works. Mr. Horr was a Republican, but was not particularly active in political affairs. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom six grew to maturity; those besides Mrs. Williams being Pierce, who died on the old home place in Goshen township, which place is still in the possession of the family; Jacob, who died at Mechanicsburg; Anna, wife of V. S. Magruder, of Mechanicsburg; Lewis, of St. Joseph, Missouri, and William, of Richmond, Indiana. Mary H. Horr completed her schooling in the Mechanicsburg high school and grew to womanhood on the home farm, where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Williams. To that union were born four children, namely: Richard, who died at the age of two years and six months; May, wife of E. W. Johnson, who is making her home with her mother in Mechanicsburg; Helen J., wife of J. B. McConica, of Luceland, Canada, and Howard H., a graduate of Harvard University in 1913, aged twenty-one years, enlisted in May, 1917, at New York City, in the Reserve Engineering Corps, now in France, a first sergeant.

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### JOSEPH E. WING.

The late Joseph E. Wing, popularly known throughout this section of Ohio as "Joe, the Alfalfa King," on account of his ardent and intelligent advocacy of alfalfa culture, state lecturer for farmers institutes and long a staff correspondent of *The Breeders Gazette*, was a native of the great Empire state, but had been a resident of this county since he was five years of age, having come here with his parents in 1866, the family settling on the place, Woodland Farm, in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg, which he owned at the time of his death in 1915 and where his widow is still living—one of the best-cultivated farms in the state of Ohio. He was born on September 14, 1861, son of William H. and Jane (Bullard) Wing, natives of New York state, who were married near Hinsdale, that state, remaining there until 1866, when they came to Ohio and settled on an eighty-acre farm in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, this county, where they established their home. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Edwin, Charles B., Willis O. and Jennie May.





jos. E. Wing



As noted above, Joseph E. Wing was but a child when he came to this county with his parents from New York and he grew to manhood at "Woodland Farm," where his last days were spent. He received his early schooling in the local schools and completed the same in the academy at Elmira, New York. In the days of his young manhood he took a trip West and in Utah, while acting as foreman on a large cattle ranch, first became attracted to the wonderful possibilities that awaited the farmer who would give intelligent attention to the culture of alfalfa and he sent home some seed of this excellent forage plant, which his father and brothers planted. At first it seemed that the new plant would prove a failure, but when it was discovered that the chickens were eating the tops of the plants, the Wings protected some selected plants with an open barrel and when they found the alfalfa growing out beyond the top of the barrel they knew they had something worth while. In the meantime Joseph E. Wing had returned from the West, and upon his arrival home he took personal charge of the alfalfa culture and the success of his first field in the following year convinced him that the soil of Ohio was admirably adapted to the growing of the then new plant and he was soon spreading alfalfa propaganda far and wide, beginning among the farmers of Champaign and neighboring counties. Mr. Wing's intelligent promotion of the new crop soon attracted the attention of agricultural leaders the country over and he presently was employed as a lecturer to carry alfalfa news elsewhere, and in this connection made trips to all sections of the country, while he also was widely employed as a lecturer before the farmers institutes of this state and adjoining states, his carefully-worked-out theories giving him a wide standing as a soil expert. He also became attached to the staff of the *Breeders Gazette* and his propaganda work was widely advanced by that journal, several trips to Europe being made in the interest of the *Gazette*. During the Taft administration Mr. Wing was sent to the Argentine republic as a member of the American tariff committee to study agricultural and industrial conditions in that country with especial relation to the production of wool, and was engaged for nine months on that important mission. Mr. Wing was the author of the following books which are accepted as authoritative on the lines touched by him: "Alfalfa in America", "Sheep Farming", "Meadows and Pastures" and "Foreign Fields", the latter book dealing with his observations made during his three trips of observation and study in Europe and his trip to South America. In addition to these journeys he also studied soils, crops and animals in nearly every state in the Union and in Canada and Mexico.

Among the various lectures Mr. Wing prepared for the instruction of farmers institutes were those entitled, "Limestone, the Mother of Fertility"; "Alfalfa Farming", "Story of 'Woodland Farm'," "Story of a Hundred-Bushel Corn Crop", "Money in Lambs", "Stories of Farm Life" and "In Foreign Lands". When but a young man Mr. Wing began contributing articles to the farm papers in relation to his farm experience and it was not long until he was formally engaged as staff correspondent of the *Breeders Gazette*, thousands of the readers of which eagerly watched, week by week, to see "what Joe Wing has written now". Mr. Wing very properly was referred to as "the poet farmer of Ohio". He had the heart of an artist and the soul of a poet and could see the beauty of country life and the possibilities of country living. He was an inspiring and captivating speaker, with a delightfully informal style and an earnest manner, carrying his audience along with him, convincing and instructing while he entertained. His clear vision and ability to see the brighter side of farm life was what most endeared him to the hearts of his farmer friends. For many years Joseph E. Wing was regarded as one of the best farmers in Ohio and his example as a farmer, sheep breeder and horticulturist exerted a wonderful influence hereabout, undoubtedly advancing the cause of agriculture greatly. As he prospered he and two of the brothers, Willis O. and Charles B., added to their holdings until they became the owners of three hundred and forty acres, beautiful "Woodland Farm", that has been referred to as "one of the milestones of American agriculture" and which is now owned by his widow and Willis O. Wing. Mr. Wing died on September 10, 1915, and was widely mourned throughout the community, for he had done well those things his hands had found to do.

On September 19, 1890, Joseph E. Wing was united in marriage to Florence E. Staley, who was born at Mechanicsburg in September, 1865, daughter of Stephen S. and Emily (Rathbun) Staley, both also natives of this county and members of pioneer families hereabout. Stephen S. Staley was born at Mechanicsburg on November 15, 1833, son of Andrew and Mary (Shepherd) Staley, the latter of whom was a native of Kentucky who had come to this county with her parents in pioneer days and had here married Andrew Staley, a millwright, who had come here from Virginia, his native state, about 1823, and was engaged in erecting mills at desirable sites along the streams of Champaign county. Among the mills built by Andrew Staley was one at Mechanicsburg and there he finally made his permanent home, spending his last days there, one of the most active and influential pioneers of that part of the county, helpful in promoting all good

causes. He and his wife were earnest church workers and active in good works. They had four children, Margaret, Sarah, Elizabeth and Stephen S., the latter of whom completed his schooling in the National Normal School at Lebanon and was for some years engaged in teaching school in this county. Stephen S. Staley was a staunch Republican and was for some time employed in the state treasurer's office at Columbus. Fraternally, he was a Mason. He and his wife were the parents of four children, namely: William C., who is now engaged as traffic manager of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, with headquarters at Chicago, in which city he makes his residence; Paul A., a patent attorney, with his office and residence at Springfield, this state, and also an officer or stockholder in many of the industrial enterprises of that city; Elizabeth, wife of Martin A. Sacksteder and who for some time before her marriage was a teacher in the schools of Champaign county, and Florence E., who was graduated from the Mechanicsburg high school and was engaged in teaching school before the time of her marriage to Mr. Wing. To that union three sons were born, Andrew S., born on August 26, 1892, who was graduated from the Mechanicsburg high school and from the Ohio State University and is now secretary-treasurer of the Wing Seed Company at Mechanicsburg; David G., March 17, 1896, who also was graduated from the local high school and is now a student at the Ohio State University, and William C., February 4, 1902, who is now a high-school student. Mrs. Wing is a member of the Episcopal church, as was her husband, and has ever taken a proper part in church and Sunday school work and in other local good works. Mr. Wing was one of the trustees of the church and a liberal supporter of the same. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the local lodge of the Masons. In addition to his other activities he took an active interest in sheep breeding and was secretary of the Continental Dorset Club and of the American Romney Association, doing much in that capacity to promoting the breeding of high-grade sheep throughout the country. But alfalfa culture was his special work and so earnest was his interest in that direction that it was said of him that "clovers bloom afterward wherever he has set foot". The first great alfalfa picnic was held at Joseph E. Wing's home, "Woodland Farm." in 1911 and thirty-five hundred people were in attendance. These alfalfa picnics are held annually at one or another of the various well-known alfalfa farms in the state, and the interests of alfalfa culture have been greatly advanced at these interesting annual meetings of those particularly interested in the propagation of this valuable forage crop.



## MARY J. HULING.

Mrs. Mary J. Huling, widow of James H. Huling, who has long made her home in Adams township, Champaign county, where she was born September 10, 1835, is a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Cory) Bowersock. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, from which state he came to Ohio with his parents when four years old, the family locating in Champaign county, where Samuel grew to manhood, assisted in clearing and developing a farm. Here he married Sarah Cory, a native of Miami county, Ohio, coming to Champaign county when young with her parents. After his marriage, Samuel Bowersock settled on a farm in Adams township where he remained a number of years, later moved to Carysville, then to St. Paris where he and his wife spent their last days and died. He was a successful farmer in his earlier life, but after moving to town he conducted a store, and bought live stock for the market. Frank Batdorf now runs the store he started in St. Paris. Mr. Bowersock was a successful business man and a useful citizen; and he was a Democrat and very active in public affairs, filling the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. With his wife he belonged to the Baptist church at St. Paris. His family consisted of nine children, all living in 1917 but four, namely: Mary J., widow of Mr. Huling and the immediate subject of this sketch; John, who was captain of Company E, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War, killed at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia; Johanna, the wife of J. H. Batdorf of St. Paris; Margaret, the wife of Thomas Mitchell of St. Paris; Cory, an attorney, living in Chicago.

Mary J. Bowersock was reared on the home farm in Champaign county, and she attended there the district schools. On January 10, 1856, she married James M. Huling, a native of Virginia, who when eleven years old, left his native state and came to Fairfield county, Ohio, and later to Adams township, Champaign county. After his marriage here he settled on the farm in that township where he spent the rest of his life, becoming one of the substantial and progressive general farmers and stock raisers of his locality, and the owner of three hundred and thirty acres of productive and valuable land, upon which he placed modern improvements. He was an excellent judge of live stock and he fed large numbers annually for the market. His death occurred on July 15, 1896. His family consisted of nine children, namely: Sarah, the widow of Samuel Guy of Sidney, Ohio; John H., who married Jennie Ward, farming in Adams township; Orpha, widow of John Harvey, living in Buffalo, New York; Laura D., the wife of Edward Ash-



more of Sidney, Ohio; Clara B., the wife of Frank Zuber of Columbus, Ohio; Margaret, who married Jason Kizer, St. Paris, Ohio; Mary J., the wife of William Williams of Columbus; Nora, who has remained single, living at home with her mother; Charles A., a farmer in Adams township, married Jovilla Berry.

Mrs. Mary J. Huling has remained on the home farm which she owns and has looked after successfully since the death of her husband. She is a member of the United Brethren church at Rosewood; and is a woman of strong character, neighborly, helpful and has a host of friends throughout Adams township, where her long life of eighty-two years has been spent.

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### JASPER F. BLACK.

Jasper F. Black, one of Goshen township's well-known farmers, was born in Rush township, on rural mail route No. 1 out of Mechanicsburg, three and a half miles north of that city, and has lived there all his life. He was born on April 2, 1880, son of Isaac and Eliza (Corbit) Black, both of whom also were born in this county and are still living here in Goshen township.

Isaac F. Black was born on a farm in Rush township, son of Peter Black and wife, pioneer settlers of that township, and there grew to manhood. He married Eliza Corbit, who was born on a farm between Brush Lake and Fountain Park, a daughter of David Corbit and wife. After his marriage Isaac Black settled on a farm in Rush township, renting the same for seven or eight years, at the end of which time he bought the place in Goshen township now occupied by his son, Jasper F. Black. Isaac F. Black prospered in his farming operations, and, in addition to his general farming, for years gave considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock. As he prospered, he added to his land holdings until he now is the owner of three hundred and forty-six acres in Rush, Union and Goshen townships. To him and his wife three children were born, of whom two are living, Jasper F. Black having a brother, David P. Black, living on the farm in Union township. A daughter, Verna, wife of Walter Turner, died in 1905.

Reared on the home farm, Jasper F. Black attended the old Five Points school and the high school at Mechanicsburg, and from the days of his boyhood was a valued aid to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home place. There he established his home after his marriage in

1902 and has continued living there one of the best-known and most progressive farmers in that neighborhood. Mr. Black is a Republican, as is his father, and both take an earnest interest in local political affairs.

On August 12, 1902, Jasper F. Black was united in marriage to Dollie Gordon, who was born in Putnam county, Ohio, daughter of Charles and Nettie (Richards) Gordon, the former born in Perry county, Ohio, and the latter in Union county, who lived in Union county until coming to this county in 1893, moving from here to Wendall, Minnesota, in February, 1910. To this union two children have been born, Ruth, born November 5, 1904, and Margaret, born December 15, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Black are members of the local Grange and take a warm interest in the affairs of the same. Mrs. Black is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### JOHN H. GROVE.

John H. Grove, proprietor of beautiful "Groveland Farm," on the Springfield and Mechanicsburg pike, one mile southwest of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, this county, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Union township, August 31, 1844, son of John and Hannah (Hull) Grove, for many years well-known and substantial residents of that community, whose last days were spent there.

John Grove was born in Monroe county, Virginia, in 1798, and there grew to manhood, later coming to Ohio, where he married Hannah Hull, a native of Kentucky, and settled on a farm in Union township, this county, becoming one of the useful and influential residents of that neighborhood and a well-to-do farmer. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom three are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Sarah E. Gordon, of Mechanicsburg, and a brother, A. J. Grove, also a resident of that city. John Grove was a Democrat. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant church and his wife was a member of the Baptist church.

J. H. Grove was reared on the home place in Union township, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age, when he began farming on his own account and presently bought the place on which he is now living, "Groveland Farm," a well-kept and profitably cultivated place of one hundred and forty acres,

where he and his wife are very pleasantly and very comfortably situated. Mr. Grove is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but has never been particularly active in "politics."

In 1899 J. H. Grove was united in marriage to Esther Longbrake, daughter of G. R. Longbrake, of Mechanicsburg.

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### VERSAILIOUS G. RIDDLE.

Versailious G. Riddle, superintendent of the plant of the Mechanicsburg Gas Light Company, vice-president of the Mechanicsburg Telephone Company, formerly a member of the common council of that city and for years actively engaged there in the plumbing and heating business, was born in Mechanicsburg and has lived there since his birth. He was born on November 13, 1858, son of James and Jane (Thompson) Riddle, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio, who established their home in Mechanicsburg after their marriage and there spent the remainder of their lives.

James Riddle was born at Vevay, on the Ohio river, in Switzerland county, Indiana, in June, 1818, of Scottish descent, his paternal ancestors having come to this country from Scotland, settling in Virginia, whence his branch of the family moved to Indiana in pioneer days and settled at Vevay, that state. There James Riddle was reared, and when a young man came over into Ohio and at Urbana learned the trade of tinner. Upon completing his apprenticeship, in 1837, he located at Mechanicsburg, where he opened a shop and established a business in which he continued actively engaged the rest of his life, one of the best-known business men of an early day at that place. Not long after locating in Mechanicsburg, James Riddle married Jane Thompson, who was born in the Huntsville neighborhood, up in Logan county, Ohio, and established his home in the village where he had begun business, and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. They were members of the Methodist Protestant church and ever took an interested part in local good works. Mr. Riddle was a Republican and, fraternally, was affiliated with Mechanicsburg Lodge No. 113, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom three grew to maturity. Stephen, who died at Mechanicsburg in 1891; Mary, widow of John Reasner, of Galipolis, this state, and Versailious G. Riddle.

V. G. Riddle was reared at Mechanicsburg, the place of his birth, com-

pleted his schooling in the schools of that place, early learned the tinning and plumbing trade in his father's establishment, and has ever since been connected with the same, continuing the business in his own name after his father's death; he has now associated with him in the business his son, Frank M. Riddle. In 1882 Mr. Riddle was made superintendent of the plant of the Mechanicsburg Gas Light Company and has ever since occupied that position, a period of thirty-five years of continuous service in behalf of the company. He also is vice-president of the Mechanicsburg Telephone Company, and to the affairs of both of these important public-service concerns gives his most thoughtful and intelligent attention. Mr. Riddle is a Republican and for years has given his interested attention to local civic affairs, for thirteen years having served as a member of the common council from his home ward.

On June 1, 1881, V. G. Riddle was united in marriage to Margaret McClaren, who was born at Iberia, in Morrow county, this state, daughter of Daniel McClaren and wife, natives of Scotland; and to this union two children have been born, Frank M., who married Ethel Culp and is associated with his father in the plumbing business at Mechanicsburg; and Irmah, wife of Robert Everhart, a farmer living in the neighborhood of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township. Mr. and Mrs. Riddle are members of the Methodist Protestant church and have ever taken an interested part in church work and in other local good works. Mr. Riddle is a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and has for years taken an active part in Masonic affairs.

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#### CHARLES J. COOPER.

Charles J. Cooper, farmer of Concord township, this county, was born in Pike county, Ohio, near the town of Piketon, April 7, 1872, a son of John and Martha (Roberts) Cooper. The father was born in Virginia, and the mother in Pike county, Ohio. When a young man John Cooper came to Pike county, Ohio, where he married and located on a farm, continuing to reside there until 1875, when he moved to Champaign county, locating on a farm south of Urbana, and lived there several years. His family consisted of twelve children, ten of whom are living in 1917, an equal number of sons and daughters, namely: George, John, Harry, Roy, Charles J., Minnie, Dora, Laura, Mary and Ida. They are all married.



CHARLES T. COOPER AND FAMILY





Charles J. Cooper was three years old when his parents brought him to Champaign county, and here he grew to manhood on the home farm, where he worked when a boy, and in the winter time he attended the district schools. He remained at home, helping his father with the farm work, until he was twenty-five years old. On March 3, 1897, he married Anna Humes, who was born near Urbana, on the farm where she grew to womanhood, receiving her education in the district schools.

Mr. Cooper started out in life with very little capital, but he persevered and is now owner of a valuable and well-improved farm of one hundred and forty-one acres in Concord township, on which he is carrying on general farming and stock raising. He has owned and sold three different farms.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cooper one child, a daughter, Thelma Cooper, has been born, her birth occurring on August 19, 1907. Politically, Mr. Cooper is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist church at Concord.

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#### FRANK NICHOLS.

The youngest school superintendent in Champaign county is Frank Nichols. He was born in Salem township, this county, December 24, 1891, a son of James F. and Margaret Anna (Moyer) Nichols. His father was born in Logan county, Ohio, September 12, 1860, and was a son of William and Catherine (Criffield) Nichols. His mother was born in Snyder county, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1863, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Pressler) Moyer. James F. Nichols and wife, both of whom are now living in Salem township, are the parents of five children: Iva F., Frank, Charles Martin, McKinley and Margaret Elizabeth. All of the children are living in the county with the exception of Charles M., who is now living in Birmingham, Alabama.

Frank Nichols received his early education in the common schools of Salem township, and then completed the high-school course in Urbana. Later he was a student in Doane Academy, following which he spent two years in Denison University. Before reaching his majority he began teaching and has spent seven years in the school room as a teacher. The first three years found him engaged in the rural schools, and this was followed by two years (1913-15) as superintendent of schools at Corwin, Ohio; then one year as principal of the Woodstock high school, then one year as principal of the Cable high school, and he is now superintendent of Urbana

township schools. He has spent two of his summer vacations in the capacity of a bookkeeper for the Champaign National Bank of Urbana. The record which Mr. Nichols has made in the school room stamps him as one of the coming teachers of his county. Though young in years, he has evinced unusual aptitude for the profession to which he has devoted his career thus far. He is a member of the Champaign County Teachers' Association, and of the Ohio State Teachers' Associations, and in other ways keeps in close touch with the best educational thought of the day.

On December 29, 1914, Frank Nichols was married to Hazel Elizabeth Dallas, a daughter of William Boyd and Charlotte Margaret (Hutchison) Dallas. Mrs. Nichols was born in Urbana township, this county, March 6, 1893. Her father was born on May 4, 1854, and her mother, October 23, 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Dallas are the parents of four children: William Russell, Hazel Elizabeth, Matthew Boyd and John Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have one child, a daughter, Virginia Margaret, born on January 16, 1916.

Mr. Nichols is a Republican and takes a keen interest in general problems of government, but the nature of his profession has kept him from active political work. He is a member of the Kings Creek Baptist church.

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#### FRANK M. PRINCE.

Frank M. Prince, head of the Prince Motor Car Company, of Urbana, and proprietor of one of the best-equipped garages and service stations in this part of the state and local distributor for several popular makes of automobiles, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life, a resident of Urbana since 1910, in which year he engaged in the automobile business in that city. He was born on a farm in Mad River township on August 5, 1880, son of Peter W. and Mary (Browning) Prince, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter in Morrow county, this state, and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of St. Paris.

Peter W. Prince was born on the old Prince home farm in Mad River township, of which he later became the owner, and there spent all his life, except four years, his death occurring there on April 26, 1910. He was a son of Capt. William and Sarah (Norman) Prince, both members of influential pioneer families. Capt. William Prince, who was in command of

a local militia company during the forties, was born in Kentucky in 1807, a son of Adam and Eve (Buroker) Prince, natives of Virginia, who emigrated from that state to Kentucky in 1805 and from the latter state to Ohio in 1809, settling in Mad River township, this county, where, in that same year or in the year 1810, he entered a quarter of a section of government land, the deed to which bore the signature of James Madison, President of the United States. That land later was conveyed to Capt. William Prince and then to the late Peter W. Prince, and is still in the family, having been thus held since its original conveyance to Adam Prince nearly a hundred and twenty years ago. Upon coming to this county seeking a location for a home, Adam Prince was attracted to the spot he located in Mad River township by the presence on the same of a fine spring. Another settler had also become attracted by the desirability of that same location and had started for the land office at Cincinnati to make his entry the day before Adam Prince had decided to go. The latter, however, by riding all night, passed his neighbor on the way, reached Cincinnati in good time, made his entry and was on his way home when he met his neighbor, whom he informed that the tract in question no longer was open to entry. During the War of 1812 Adam Prince passed six months on the frontier in the northwestern part of the state, leaving his family during that time in the charge of a neighbor. The Prince tract originally was covered by a magnificent growth of hard timber which gradually was cleared away to make a tillable farm. In addition to being a good farmer, Adam Prince also was a locally noted mechanic and manufactured barrels, wooden locks and all needed farm implements; his locks, particularly, being marvels of ingenuity and much in demand among his pioneer neighbors. Adam Prince prospered in his pioneer farming operations and was able to provide all his children with tracts of land when they came to make homes for themselves. His wife died in 1828 and he survived her twenty-one years. They were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these children, Elizabeth, Mary, William and Nancy. Elizabeth Prince was twice married, her first husband having been Isaac Smith and her second, James Crabill. She reared a large family and her descendants are now a numerous connection of the Prince family. Mary Prince married Adam Pence and also reared a large family, the Pence connection throughout this part of the state being a considerable one. Nancy Prince, the youngest daughter, married David Vance, a kinsman of Gov-

ernor Vance, and reared five children, two of whom, John and David, became ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church.

William Prince, only son of the pioneers, Adam and Eve Prince, grew up on the pioneer farm in Mad River township and made the most of the scholastic opportunities presented in his early environment, becoming locally noted as an excellent mathematician and a fine penman. In 1827 he married Sarah Norman, daughter of Christian Norman, who had emigrated from the Shenandoah valley to this county in 1805, the year in which Champaign county was created, and who became one of the substantial pioneers of this section of the state. In 1833 William Prince came into possession of the land that had been entered from the government by his father and, in addition, became the owner of considerable tracts of Western land. In 1841 or 1842 he received a commission as captain of the local militia company and held the same until the company eventually was disbanded. Captain Price was a man of large and helpful influence in his community and throughout this section of the state generally and did much to promote the common welfare, a firm and consistent supporter of all local good works. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, six of whom, Mary, David N., Peter W., Elizabeth, Benjamin F. and Lydia, grew to maturity. Mary Prince married Rhinehart Snapp, who died six years later, after which she made her home in Jackson township. David N. Prince, who married Mary Jones, was a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and was mustered out, after more than three years of active service as captain of Company I, Forty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, later making his home in Shelby county. Elizabeth Prince married John Wiant and died in 1873. Benjamin Prince, now living at Springfield, this state, for many years professor of history and political science in Wittenberg College, was graduated from that institution in 1865 and at the opening of the next session proceeded to the study of theology. In the spring of 1865 he was appointed tutor in the college; in 1869 was made principal of the preparatory department and assistant professor of Greek; in 1873 was made professor of natural history; in 1878, professor of Greek and history, and later professor of history and political science. In 1860 Professor Prince married Ella Sanderson, daughter of J. Sanderson, a Philadelphia lawyer and editor of the *Daily News* of that city, and has ever since made his home in Springfield.

As noted above, Peter W. Prince was reared on the old home farm in Mad River township and later became owner of the same, making many

substantial improvements on the place. There he spent the rest of his active life, upon his retirement moving to St. Paris, where he died four years later, a well-to-do and influential resident of that community, his death occurring on April 26, 1910. His widow is now living at St. Paris. She was born, Mary Browning, in Morrow county, this state. To Peter W. and Mary (Browning) Prince were born five children, namely: John, who is farming in Mad River township; Minnie, deceased; William, deceased, and Benjamin and Frank M. (twins), the former of whom is deceased.

Frank M. Prince was reared on the home farm in Mad River township and received his school in the common schools. He was married in the spring of 1904 and continued to make his home in Mad River township, farming there and in Concord township, until 1910, in which year he left the farm and moved to Urbana, where he engaged in the automobile business, founding the Prince Motor Car Company and establishing a place of business on East Court street, remaining at that location until in December, 1914, when he bought his present garage building at 117 West Water street, and has since then been doing business at the latter number. Mr. Prince has a building one hundred feet by forty feet in dimensions and has there an admirably equipped garage and general service station. "Service" is his motto and his many pleased customers testify to the appropriateness of the same. Upon engaging in business at Urbana Mr. Prince secured the agency for one of the most popular cars then on the market and has since acquired the agency for two other well-known cars. He carries besides a full line of automobile accessories and supplies for motorists and makes a specialty of the high character of the repair work turned out of his garage. Mr. Prince was raised a Democrat and voted that way until 1914, since then he has been a Republican, but has not given special attention to political affairs. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Westville and with the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Urbana.

On May 25, 1904, Frank M. Prince was united in marriage to Grace I. Stover, who also was born in Mad River township, a daughter of Joseph and Lucy Stover, who were the parents of four children, those besides Mrs. Prince being Leander Stover, of Springfield, this state; Laura, who is now living in Louisiana, and Lulu, of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Prince are members of Grace Methodist Episcopal church at Urbana and give proper attention to the various beneficences of the same, as well as to other local good works.

## G. FRANK STABLER.

G. Frank Stabler, a well-known and enterprising farmer of Adams township, the owner and proprietor of a fine farm of eighty acres located on rural route No. 1, on the Quincy-Carrysville pike, two and one-half miles north of Carysville, was born on a farm in Adams township, December 23, 1870, the son of C. G. and Catherine (Pencil) Stabler, the former of whom was a native of Germany, and the latter of Montgomery county, Ohio.

C. G. Stabler was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and lived in his native country until he reached the age of seventeen or eighteen years, when he came to the United States, coming direct to Logan county, Ohio, where he had an uncle, and with whom he worked for some years. There he met and married Catherine Pencil, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, her parents being also of German ancestry. After his marriage, he and his wife located on the farm in Adams township, near where his son, G. Frank, now lives, and here the wife's death occurred. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are now living: Mary B., wife of B. S. Young, of Rosewood, Ohio; Barbara, who died at the age of twenty years; William, a farmer of Adams township; G. Frank, the immediate subject of this review, and John E.

G. Frank Stabler was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood, and early in life learned the rudiments and principles of good farming. For two years after his marriage, he lived on the home place with his father, but in the spring of 1904, he purchased fifty-seven acres of land, where he is now living, making a total of eighty acres which he owns at the present time, and has since made this place his home. He carries on a general system of farming and stock raising, and ranks among the progressive and successful farmers of his township.

On August 12, 1902, G. Frank Stabler was united in marriage to Daisy D. Stem, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, May 30, 1882, the daughter of William J. and Mary M. (Willard) Stem, both of whom were natives of Frederick county, Maryland, the former born in 1839, and the latter in 1844. They were married in Maryland in 1861, and in 1865, they came to Logan county, Ohio, where Mr. Stem's death occurred on October 22, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Stem were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are now living: William Earl, of Shelby county, Ohio; Ida A., wife of Armor Deitrick, of Logan county, Ohio; John, living in the state of Wash-



ington; Minnie, also a resident of Washington, the wife of Charles Moore; Clara, wife of Van Ford, of Logan county, Ohio; Charles, also a resident of Logan county; Eva, wife of Alva Armstrong, living in Michigan; Daisy D., wife of Mr. Stabler, and Joseph G., of Illinois. The mother of these children is still living in Logan county, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Stabler are the parents of two children: Mary Catherine, born December 10, 1905, now a student in the second grade in the Rosewood schools, and Lillian Isabelle, born May 24, 1911, a student in her first year in the Rosewood schools. Mr. Stabler is a member of the Lutheran church, while Mrs. Stabler is an adherent of the United Brethren church. Politically, Mr. Stabler is a Republican, but is broadminded and liberal in his judgment of men and affairs.

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### CHARLES A. WIAINT.

Charles A. Wiant, a farmer of Johnson township, this county, was born in Mad River township, this county, November 28, 1870. He is a son of Isaiah and Nancy (Smith) Wiant, both also natives of Mad River township, the father having been born on the same farm as was the subject of this sketch, the old Wiant place having remained in possession of the family several generations, dating back to the pioneer days. The parents of the subject of this sketch grew to maturity in Mad River township, and there they married and established their home, near Westville, and where they spent the rest of their lives, Isaiah Wiant's death occurring on February 17, 1895. They were members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church, in which they were both active. He was one of the trustees of the church for many years. He was a Democrat, and served for some time as trustee of Mad River township.

To Isaiah Wiant and wife the following children were born: F. R., who is a carpenter at Springfield, Ohio; A. E., who lives at St. Paris, this county; Frank E., who lives at Springfield, Ohio, and is employed as motorman by the street railway company; Mary C., the wife of T. E. Lutz, of Urbana; Martha E., wife of V. E. Snapp; Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Anna E., the wife of Warren E. Neer, of Tremont City, Clarke county, Ohio, and Minnie O., who died in infancy.

Charles A. Wiant was reared on the farm in Mad River township, attending the district schools and continued working with his father on

the home place until he was twenty-seven years old. On June 2, 1897, he married Dollie B. McMorran, a daughter of David and Susan (Norman) McMorran, who lived on a farm in Johnson township, where Mrs. Wiant grew to womanhood and attended the district schools. She was born on May 28, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Wiant began housekeeping on the Norman farm, renting the place at first, then bought the place, consisting of eighty acres. In the year 1909 Mrs. Wiant's parents transferred to them the adjoining eighty-acre tract where they now reside, the original quarter section there having been formerly owned by Benjamin Norman, Mrs. Wiant's maternal grandfather.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Wiant consists of five daughters, namely: Nevo B., born on January 11, 1899, who was graduated from the St. Paris high school with the class of 1917; Gertrude I., November 20, 1901, who is attending high school; Susan N., August 8, 1909, who is attending the district schools; Martha C., April 7, 1913, and Mary E., October 2, 1916.

Mr. Wiant is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church, in which he is clerk and a deacon and one of the most active members of the church.

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### FRANK C. GAUMER.

In a peculiar sense newspaper men are like poets; they are born rather than made. Theirs is a gift in somewhat the same sense that the ability to write poetry is a gift. The trite expression—"a nose for news"—means all that it says, and he who is not born with the newspaper nose never attains the highest pinnacle of newspaper success. The operation of a newspaper at the present time is a far different proposition from what it was in the days of Benjamin Franklin, and the part the newspaper man plays in the life of the community served by his paper is constantly increasing in importance. It is his duty to follow the life of his fellowman from the time he was born until his death; to chronicle both events, and set forth for the public eye all that he does between these two important dates. It may be said that no man in the community knows more about what is going on—it is a part of his business to know—and the best newspaper man is the one who comes the nearest to being in touch with all phases of the life of the people he seeks to serve; in other words, he must, in a sense, be omniscient; he must be a cosmopolite.

That Frank C. Gaumer measures up to a high standard in the newspaper



FRANK C. GAUMER.



world is evidenced by the success which has come to him in the management of the *Urbana Daily Democrat*. For eighteen years he has been the manager of the *Democrat*, has seen it grow from a weekly to a bi-weekly, from a bi-weekly to a tri-weekly, from a tri-weekly to a daily. Beginning his connection with the paper in 1899, when only twenty years of age, he has so conducted its affairs that he has made it the strongest paper in the county, by all odds. This is all the more remarkable when it is taken into consideration that the county is strongly Republican.

When Mr. Gaumer took charge of the paper in 1899 it was a small affair, humbly housed, with a wavering circulation, with meager equipment, and with little prestige in the community. Under his skillful guidance it has grown to such proportions that it was necessary during the present year to erect a large building to handle the immense amount of business which had been developed. From a mediocre sheet of uncertain circulation it has grown to a point where the daily edition of the paper enjoys a circulation of five thousand. At the same time he has made it an advertising medium second to none in the county, and one of the best in the state for a city the size of Urbana.

Many newspaper men are content to center all their efforts on their newspaper, but the best men count this only a part of their work. The wideawake newspaper man now makes more money out of his job printing than he does out of his newspaper proper. It is in this field that Mr. Gaumer has made a distinct success. In his new building he has a room set aside for what he denominates the commercial-printing department. Here may be found two Mergenthaler linotype machines, there being four others in the building, and both of these machines are devoted exclusively to catalogue work and miscellaneous job printing, including the setting of the type for the *American Friend*, the Friends' national weekly publication, and the *Missionary Advocate*, the Friends' monthly missionary journal. The development of this department has been little short of phenomenal during the past few years, and its present standing is a glowing tribute to the energy and business acumen of Mr. Gaumer.

Such, in brief, is the career of Frank C. Gaumer in the newspaper world. He is still a young man and the future holds still more good things for him. With his beautiful new printing house, and with the place which he now holds in his profession, there is no reason for not presaging for him in the years to come a niche high among the newspaper men of his state. He has recently acquired the *Urbana Daily Citizen*, the Republican  
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organ of the county, and will print it and conduct its business policy, its editorial management remaining in the hands of a Republican editor. How well he may succeed in this sort of an arrangement, only the future can tell. The intricacies of the newspaper history of the county are set forth in detail in the chapter relating to newspapers in the historical section of this work, and in that connection may be traced the relation of Mr. Gaumer to the complicated newspaper situation of Urbana.

A brief personal mention of Mr. Gaumer is in order. He was born at Adamsville, Ohio, December 16, 1879, a son of Dr. Thomas M. and Eliza M. (Cone) Gaumer. A sketch of Doctor Gaumer appears elsewhere in this volume, to which the reader is referred for the genealogy of the family. Frank C. Gaumer was educated in the public schools of Urbana, and as soon as he was graduated from the high school he entered the printing office of his father in the city. While he has centered his energies on his newspaper, he has found time to take an active part in the every-day life of the community which his paper serves.

Mr. Gaumer was married on September 20, 1917, to Sarah Rhodes, a daughter of John C. and Minnie Rhodes. With his marriage, Mr. Gaumer enters upon life with a new vision of things, and with the inspiration of his accomplished wife to aid him in his chosen profession, it can truly be said that his work will henceforth be more pleasant for him. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and his wife a member of the Episcopal church. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Dayton.

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#### BILLY "SINGLE" CLIFFORD.

Shakespeare employed his diversified talents to delineate more traits of character and to sound depths of deeper passions than any man who ever lived. In his plays may be found more than a thousand different characters, and there is not an emotion, not a passion, that is not given expression by one of these hundreds of characters of the Bard of Avon. Truly, as Shakespeare says, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."

One of these players was born and reared in Urbana, and is known throughout the length and breadth of the nation as one who can say, "Let me play the fool; with mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come." If an



Urbanian were asked to name the one man of the city who has done more to spread sunshine over the country and cause two smiles to spread where only one spread before, there would be but one answer—Billy "S." Clifford.

Let him who will, explain why a man with a decent Christian name trades it off for a second-hand patronymic; it is one of the inscrutable stage mysteries. Be that as it may, there was born in Urbana on January 24, 1869, William Clifford Shyrigh, so called by his parents, Levi and Sarah Shyrigh, long residents of the city. But to the people of the United States at large he is known as Billy Clifford, or Billy "Single" Clifford, the middle appellation being acquired in the course of his varied stage career. Some wise man has said that as the twig is bent so grows the tree, and, by analogy, Billy Clifford, while still a twig was a show boy and as the twig grows to treehood, so did the boy grow to be a showman.

On the site of the present theater bearing his name, Billy Clifford staged his first show while still a boy in his teens—more than thirty years ago. He must have been a lineal descendant of old Thespis, for if buskined sock ever fit a youth of Urbana, it fit this youthful follower of Aristophanes. It was but a step from the stage in the old barn to his first entry into real theatrical circles. And he has stepped in his buskins like unto him who wore the seven-league boots—big steps and ever advancing steps. He started out with the Miles Orton circus, but the experience he acquired during three seasons with this company brought him to a realization that there were better things in store for him. Accordingly, when he was nineteen years of age he welcomed the opportunity to associate himself with George Fuller Golden, one of America's foremost monologue artists of his day.

During the three years Clifford was with Orton, he served in the triple capacity of snare drummer, ticket seller and, finally and terpsichorally, he had a song-and-dance turn. While with the circus Clifford became interested in the acrobatic work of George Marsh, one of his fellow townsmen, better known by the enigmatical title of "Moats." This Moats possessed an unusually supple pair of legs, and Clifford conceived the idea that he and Moats might make a good team on the stage. After a thorough course in the beating of a bass drum, Moats was ready to join Clifford, and the two drummers joined in a singing and dancing act which was sufficiently attractive from a box-office standpoint to keep them in steady employment. It may be added that Moats became the principal clown of Ringling Brothers circus, and was with them at the time of his accidental death in a railroad accident.

Clifford and Golden were together for years, and played in the leading vaudeville houses throughout the United States. They had a simple skit, but so skillfully and artistically was it staged and acted by these two gifted comedians, that it never failed to win hearty applause. They had a combined song-and-dance turn, to which they added an old-fashioned clog dance, while their finale consisted of a dashing boxing exhibition of three rounds. This fistic encounter usually terminated in favor of Clifford, who, being smaller and more active on his feet, was able to dance around his heavier and slower opponent.

After Clifford and Golden dissolved partnership, Clifford joined Al G. Fields and remained with the latter's show several seasons. His next step took him into vaudeville with Maude Huth as a partner, and they toured the United States with one of the largest vaudeville companies on the road. So famed did this company become that it made a trip to Europe, and there Billy and his partner spread sunshine and laughter before delighted audiences of thousands. For several years Clifford was starred under different managements in musical comedy, while for the past few seasons he has had a company of his own on the road. During the season of 1916-17 he headed his own company in "Linger Longer Lucy," a bright, sparkling, musical comedy of his own production.

But despite his wanderings over the world, Billy still calls Urbana his home. It is here that he comes to spend his summer vacations, and it is here that he intends to spend his days when he forsakes the footlights. He has his beautiful theater here, which he built in 1905, one of the largest and best appointed theaters in the country in a city the size of Urbana. He has installed a moving picture outfit in his theater and it is open every night in the year except Sunday. During the theatrical season every year, a number of high-class shows appear in the city, but every night not so taken finds a goodly audience watching the silent drama.

Billy Clifford has done much for his city, but nothing in which the city takes more pride than in his theater. His many friends follow his career from year to year and rejoice with him in the success which has come to him. It has not all been a flowery bed of roses; he has worked hard and faithfully to reach the place he has in the theatrical world. That he is widely known as a clever dancer is shown by the fact that one of the stars on the Keith circuit in the summer of 1917, who has a turn calling for a reproduction of the characteristic dances of famous comedians, starts his program every night with the words—"I will first give an imita-

tion of the cane dance of my friend Billy 'S.' Clifford." In the years to come Clifford will be remembered as one of the sons of Urbana who have gone forth to win fame, and who, by sheer merit, won a place for himself in the realm of things theatrical.

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### ALDEN BEATLEY.

Salem township, this county, being an excellent wheat country, the elevator business has necessarily followed and has been engaged in with gratifying results by such men as Alden Beatley, of Urbana. He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, November 26, 1852, a son of Benjamin and Sarah (Alger) Beatley. The father was a native of Maryland, but the mother was born in Franklin county, Ohio, to which county Benjamin Beatley migrated from the old Oriole state when he was nineteen years old, and worked out as a farm hand and there he was married. He had little to start with, but being a hard worker he forged ahead by his own efforts and cleared a farm in Franklin county, becoming owner of one hundred and fifty acres, which he operated until 1869, when he moved to Champaign county, buying a farm of eighty acres in Salem township. After farming here a number of years he sold out and moved to Urbana, retiring from active life, and there his death occurred in 1893. His wife had preceded him to the grave in 1892. They were parents of seven children, three of whom are living at this writing, namely: Mrs. Almina Shaul, who makes her home in Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Alice Seibert, who resides in Urbana, and Alden, the subject of this sketch.

Alden Beatley grew up on the home farm and he worked hard assisting his father with the general crops. He received most of his education in the public schools of Franklin county. He removed with his parents to Champaign county and remained on the farm in Salem township until he was twenty-one years old, when he took up farming for himself, renting a farm until the fall of 1884, when he began working at the Payne warehouse at Kings creek, continuing there engaged for a period of nine years; then, in 1897, he leased the elevator at Kings creek, in partnership with Woodcock, which partnership continued until 1900, when the firm purchased the elevator, continuing to operate the same in partnership until 1910 when Mr. Woodcock died, leaving Mr. Beatley sole owner. He has since operated the same alone and with ever-increasing success, enjoying

an extensive trade with the surrounding country. He not only buys wheat and all kinds of grain, but also handles flour, feed, hay, coal and fencing. His business in all lines is constantly increasing as a result of his careful management, industry and honest dealings with his customers. The elevator has a capacity of twelve thousand bushels. An elevator has been on this site for a period of more than fifty years and is one of the best known elevators in Champaign and adjoining counties.

In 1873 Alden Beatley was married to Nancy J. Herr, a daughter of Abraham Herr and wife, and to their union four children have been born, namely: Harry, who married Ethel Burke and has one child, Philip; Clifford, who married Nellie Taylor and has three children, Cleo, Carroll and Louise; Estella, wife of Ernest Shafer, and C. Earl, who married Alice Carson and has one child, a son, Charles E.

Mr. Beatley is a Democrat. He belongs to the Masonic Order, and is a Knight Templar. He belongs to the Baptist church at Kings creek. During his long residence in this locality he has become widely and favorably known.

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#### FOSTER BUMGARDNER.

Foster Bumgardner, one of Champaign county's best-known and most progressive farmers and the proprietor of a fine place of one hundred and fourteen acres on the Jefferson pike, rural mail route No. 3 out of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born over the line in Pleasant township, in the neighboring county of Clark, October 3, 1876, son of E. P. and Mahala (Clymer) Bumgardner, the former of whom is still living, now a resident of Springfield, this state.

E. P. Bumgardner, who for years was one of Champaign county's substantial farmers, also was born in Clark county, in that section locally known as "The Knobs," a son of the Rev. Abraham and Nancy (Runyan) Bumgardner, for many years among the most influential residents of this part of the country, both members of old families hereabout, the Bumgardners and the Runyans having been among the first settlers in Clark county and originally owners of nearly all that part of the county known as "The Knobs," the two families having bought the same from the government not long after land in this section of Ohio was opened for settlement. The Rev. Abraham Bumgardner was a widely-known minister of the Metho-

dist Episcopal church and in his day was one of the most popular circuit riders in this part of the state. He also was a good farmer and became the owner of much land. As his children grew up and started out "on their own" he gradually distributed his holdings in "The Knobs" and then bought a large farm nearby the Pleasant Chapel church in Pleasant township, Clark county, which place is still known as the old Bumgardner farm, and there he and his wife spent their last days, full of years and honor. They were the parents of nine children and the Bumgardner connection is thus a large one hereabout in the present generation.

After his marriage to Mahala Clymer, also a member of one of the old families of Clark county, E. P. Bumgardner settled on a farm adjoining the old Bumgardner home in Pleasant township and there made his home until 1890, when he moved up into this county and bought a farm in Goshen township. On this latter place his wife died in 1896 and he then returned to the old Bumgardner place, adjoining the farm he still owned in Pleasant township, and took over the management of both farms, continuing there until his retirement and removal to Springfield, where he is now living, past seventy-two years of age. E. P. Bumgardner has ever taken an active interest in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church and is now one of the influential workers in the Belmont avenue church at Springfield. He formerly and for years was one of the leaders in the work of the Pleasant Chapel church, in the affairs of which the Bumgardners have been deeply interested ever since the establishment of the same. In his more active years he also took considerable interest in the work of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was a member. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Sherwin, who is living on a farm nearby the old Bumgardner home in the Pleasant Chapel neighborhood; Georgia L., wife of George Turner, also of Pleasant township; Lillian, who died at the age of thirty years, and Nellie, wife of Howard Ritchie, of Pleasant township.

Foster Bumgardner was fourteen years of age when he came up into Champaign county with his parents, the family settling in Goshen township, and when his father returned to Clark county he remained here and upon his marriage shortly afterward, at the age of twenty-one, he rented a farm of two hundred and fifty acres in the neighborhood of the place on which he is now living and on that farm made his home for eleven years, at the end of which time he bought a farm, intending to move onto the same, but before he could complete his arrangements for moving, ac-

cepted an advantageous offer and sold the place. He then rented another two hundred and fifty acre farm in that vicinity and moved on to it, making his home there for seven years. Meanwhile he had bought the farm on which he is now living, a quite desirable place of one hundred and fourteen acres, and in 1916 erected a comfortable house on the same. In the spring of 1917 he moved into that house and he and his family are now very comfortably and very pleasantly situated there. In addition to his general farming Mr. Bumgardner has long paid considerable attention to the raising of good live stock and has done well in his operations. He carries on his farming in accordance with up-to-date principles and his farm plant is one of the best equipped in that neighborhood.

On November 24, 1897, Foster Bumgardner was united in marriage to Mary Alice Reedy, of Union township, this county, and to this union five children have been born, Alta May, Millie, Lewis E., Almeda and Margaret, all of whom are attending the Mechanicsburg schools, the three elder in the high school. Mr. Bumgardner is a Republican, but has not been an office seeker. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, his connection with the church remaining at Pleasant Chapel, and hers in the Mutual circuit, and both take an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of their home neighborhood, helpful in promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the common welfare thereabout.

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### MARCUS C. GOWEY.

Marcus C. Gowey, a prominent attorney of North Lewisburg, was born at North Lewisburg, Ohio, December 25, 1848, the son of Hartland D. and Eliza A. (Willey) Gowey. His paternal ancestry is of Dutch lineage, the family being founded in America in 1630 by his ancestors, who came to New York. His father's grandfather, John Gowey, a native of Vermont, was born in Arlington, December 29, 1791. His wife, whom he married on October 7, 1811, was Fannie Judson, a member of the Judson family, which is of English extraction and was established in America on the Connecticut river above Hartford, Connecticut. In 1821 his grandparents, who had been living in Arlington, Vermont, since their marriage, removed to New York, and there made their home until 1837 when they became residents of Ohio. In 1852 John and Fannie Gowey went to Iowa and located





HARTLAND D. GOWEY



on a farm where they lived their remaining days. To them were born ten children, of which the second child and eldest son was Hartland D. Gowey, the father of Marcus C. Gowey.

Hartland D. Gowey received his early education in the pine woods of Alleghany county, New York. When his parents removed to Ohio in 1837, he located with them in Licking county, Ohio. There he began teaching school and remained in the profession for twenty years. In 1844 he came to Champaign county and located in North Lewisburg, where he busied himself with the upbuilding of the educational interests of this section of the state, was postmaster for thirty-three years, was elected mayor two terms, and justice of the peace, recorder and city clerk for thirty years. His sterling integrity and fidelity to his principles throughout his long residence in North Lewisburg caused his fellow townsmen to confer official trusts upon him, and endeared him to his neighbors. After these many years of service to his community, he died on September 8, 1909. In 1846 he married Eliza A. Willey, and to them were born two sons. The elder of these, John Franklin Gowey, was born in North Lewisburg, December 7, 1846. In the legal profession, in political circles and in business affairs, he achieved a national reputation. He died while consul-general at Yokohama, Japan, March 12, 1900.

The younger son, Marcus C. Gowey, is the subject of this sketch. He spent his boyhood days in North Lewisburg, where he received his early education in the public schools. He decided to enter the legal profession and studied law in the office of his brother. Soon he entered upon the work on his own account, and in his practice, which has been most successful, his conduct of his cases has been with highest justice to his client and with a strong conviction of his profession's mission to society. Even though Mr. Gowey has reached the age when many men think that it is time to retire from active business or professional life, he is yet actively engaged in his profession.

On January 3, 1872, Marcus C. Gowey married Miranda L. Mumford, the daughter of M. H. and Lydia (Bennett) Mumford, who died August 5, 1904. On the 27th day of October, 1906, he married Alona H. Sanders, his present wife. They now live in their beautiful home on Townshend street. Mr. Gowey is a strong advocate of fraternal organizations, and in one of these, the Masons, he has advanced quite far. He is a member of Masonic Blazing Star Lodge No. 268, of North Lewisburg, forty-five years; of Star Chapel No. 126, Royal Arch Masons, and Raper Command-

ery No. 19 Knights Templar of Urbana. He is also a member of Launcelot Lodge Knights of Pythias, of Urbana.

By virtue of his gifts as a public administrator, Mr. Gowey has been chosen repeatedly by his neighbors and the people of the county to fill offices of trust. Over his record during his public service like that of his professional life falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. In politics Mr. Gowey has always been a Republican.

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### JOHN HULING.

John Huling, a farmer of Adams township, Champaign county, was born in this township on December 28, 1858. He is a son of James M. and Mary Jane (Bowersox) Huling. The father was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, and when a boy he came with his father, Samuel Huling, to Adams township, Champaign county, the father buying a farm on which he spent the rest of his life, and which farm is still in the possession of the Huling family. On this farm James M. Huling also spent the rest of his life. Mary Bowersox was born on this farm, near Mosquito creek, a daughter of Samuel Bowersox, who came here from Pennsylvania in pioneer days, buying the above mentioned farm and became one of the leading farmers in Adams township. He finally moved from his farm to Carysville, where he conducted a store, and in later years lived in St. Paris, operating a store and a private bank.

After their marriage the parents of John Huling settled on the farm where he now resides, and there the father carried on general farming successfully until his death which occurred on this place, where he had spent all his life. He was a Democrat; and he and his wife belonged to the United Brethren church at Carysville, later at Rosewood. Nine children, all still living, were born to James M. Huling and wife, namely: Sarah, the wife of Samuel Guy of Sidney, Ohio; John of this sketch; Orpha A., the widow of John Harvey of St. Paris; Laura, the wife of Ed Ashmore of Sidney, this state; Clara, the wife of Frank Suber of Columbus, Ohio; Margaret, who married David Kizer of St. Paris; Jennie, the wife of William Williams of Columbus; Nora, at home; and Charles A., living in Adams township.

John Huling was reared on the home farm in Adams township, and he attended the schools at Carysville. On May 5, 1888, he married Sarah V. Ward, a daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Journell) Ward, the former of

whom was born in Johnson township, this county, and was the son of James and Polly Ward, who came from Virginia when young and here were married and established their home on a farm in Johnson township where they died. Catherine Journell was born in Johnson township, Champaign county, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. She is a daughter of Charles and Mary Journell, who were of French descent, having come to Champaign county with their parents from France. Charles and Mary Journell spent their active lives on a farm in Johnson township, where they died.

To Lewis Ward and wife six children were born, namely: Alice, the wife of Allen Poorman of Perry township, this county; Emma, who married L. F. Purt of Carysville; Sarah V., the wife of John Huling; Daisy, now deceased, the wife of Charles Evans of Lima, Ohio; Theresa, the wife of Frank Johnson of Beaverton, Michigan; Charles, who lives in Pensacola, Florida.

After their marriage John Huling and wife located on their present farm west of Carysville in Adams township and here they have continued to reside. To their union one child has been born, Thurman H. Huling, who was graduated from the St. Paris high school and later from the engineering department of the Ohio State University at Columbus. He is now living at Chanute, Kansas, being mechanical engineer in charge of the Ash Grove Portland Cement Company. He married Agnes Hawthorne.

Politically, Mr. Huling is a Democrat; he and his wife are members of the Carysville Christian church.

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### HARRISON S. BAILEY.

Harrison S. Bailey, one of Champaign county's best-known and most successful horsemen and the proprietor of a fine farm of three hundred and seven acres on Jumping Run creek on the Woodstock pike, one and one-quarter miles northeast of Mechanicsburg, in Goshen township, was born on the David Watson farm, four miles south of London, in the neighboring county of Madison, and has resided on his present place since his marriage in 1885. He was born on January 11, 1856, son of John Rives and Charlotte (Suver) Bailey, the latter of whom was born in that same county.

John Rives Bailey was but a child when his parents settled in Madison county and there he grew to manhood and married Charlotte Suver.

member of one of the old families of that county, and who died in 1858, leaving three children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the youngest and then but two years of age, the others being Joseph S. Bailey, who after the death of his mother was reared in the family of his uncle, James Suver, of Madison county, and is now living in the state of Illinois, and Laura, who also was reared in the family of James Suver and married Ellis Bolton, of Mechanicsburg. About two years after the death of his first wife John R. Bailey married Ellen McCurdy Watson and moved to Covington, Indiana, and after a sometime residence there moved to Watseka, Illinois, where he established his permanent home.

As noted above, Harrison S. Bailey was about two years of age when his mother died and until his father's second marriage he was cared for by his maternal grandparents. He then was taken by his father to the latter's new home in Covington, Indiana, and later to Watseka, Illinois, in which latter city he completed his schooling and remained until he was past fifteen years of age, when he came back to Ohio and began working on his own account in Madison county and after a while was able to rent a farm there and go to farming. Two years later he married and then, in the spring of 1885, established his home on the place on which he is still living, in Goshen township, this county, where he owns a fine farm of three hundred and seven acres and where he and his wife are very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. For years Mr. Bailey had given his special attention to the raising of fine horses and has probably raised as many high-grade horses as any man in the county, the products of his well-equipped stock farm being in wide demand. During the years he has been engaged in the horse business he has trained quite a few of his most promising colts for the track and has had considerable success on the Grand Circuit, among the best-known of his race horses having been "Red Light," with a record of 2:13½; "Minnie," 2:12½; and "Mary S.," 2:11¼. In addition to his general farming and live-stock interests Mr. Bailey has also given considerable attention to the general business interests of his home community and is a stockholder in the Farmers Bank at Mechanicsburg. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has not been a seeker after public office.

On January 21, 1885, Harrison S. Bailey was united in marriage to Mary Olive Millice, who was born in Goshen township, this county, a daughter of John N. and Susanna (Coile) Millice, the former of whom was born in that same township and the latter in Shenandoah county, Virginia. John N. Millice was a son of Christopher and Mary Magdalene Millice.



substantial pioneers of Goshen township, and he grew to manhood in that township. His wife was but two years of age when her parents moved from Virginia to Ohio, driving through in a covered wagon, the family settling on the county line between Knox and Morrow counties, where she grew to womanhood and where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Millice, she then being twenty-one years of age. To that union were born two daughters, Mrs. Bailey having a sister, Etna Clara, who married Orin Bolton, of Columbus, Ohio, and has one child, a son, Calvin R. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the general social affairs of their home community. Mr. Bailey is president of the Mechanicsburg Matinee Club and is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mechanicsburg and a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at that place, taking a warm interest in lodge affairs.

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### JOHN T. BROWN.

When Governor Cox was making up his extraordinary commission to promote and conserve the food conditions of Ohio in conformance with the necessities created by the declaration of war against Germany in the spring of 1917 he appointed John T. Brown, of Goshen township, as a member of that important commission for the county of Champaign and the appointment gave general satisfaction throughout the county, for it was conceded that it was a fitting appointment. As lecturer, under appointment of the State University authorities, before the farmers institutes of Ohio Mr. Brown had for years given his close attention to the needs of the agriculturists of this state and to the methods whereby the output of the farms of the state might be enlarged, and was therefore eminently qualified for the responsibilities and duties resting upon and attending the new and highly important war food commission. Mr. Brown not only is a good farmer and stock raiser, the owner of a fine farm in Goshen township, having a thorough practical and technical knowledge of the subject of agriculture, but has long been regarded as a soil expert, fully conversant with the possibilities of Champaign county as a food-producing center; and, as such, fully competent to accept the responsibilities of the new honors thrust upon him by the state.

John T. Brown is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Plain City, in the neigh-

boring county of Madison, March 14, 1876, son of David and Sarah E. (Taylor) Brown, both of whom were born in that same county, and the latter of whom is still living, still a resident of Madison county. David Brown was born on a farm in Summerford township, Madison county, this state, April 8, 1833, and there spent all his life, a substantial and reputable citizen. He served as a soldier of the Union during the latter part of the Civil War and was for years justice of the peace in and for his home township. He was a Republican and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local political affairs. His death occurred on August 6, 1913, and his widow, who was born on September 19, 1843, is still living. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her children were reared in that faith. There were twelve of these children, of whom eleven are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Frank I., who is the official stenographer for the courts of Montgomery county; Clara, wife of Charles Ackley, of Plain City; Ida B., who is unmarried; Charles D., of Plain City, former representative from that district in the Ohio Legislature; Eva G., wife of W. H. Sidener, of West Jefferson, this state; Nell, wife of Ralph Demmitt, of Montgomery county; Bessie F., unmarried, who is at home with her mother; Lulu G., wife of Ashton Gregg, cashier of the West Jefferson Bank; Lucile, wife of Frank Kimble, of Salida, Colorado, and Russell H., who is looking after the home farm in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg. By a previous marriage David Brown was the father of one son, Will E. Brown, who was a resident of California for thirty years previous to his death in July, 1917.

Reared on the home farm, John T. Brown received his early schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood and was graduated from the common schools in the first class following the operation of the Boxwell law. At the age of seventeen years he began to teach school and later entered the National Normal School at Lebanon, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1899; later resuming teaching, and for two years taught in the grade school and in the high school at Mechanicsburg. After their marriage in the fall of 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Brown established their home on the old Davis homestead, which they still retain, a farm of one hundred acres in Goshen township, and have continued to make that their place of residence. This farm is known as "Pleasant View Farm," two and a half miles south of Mechanicsburg. They have one of the best farm plants in that part of the county and the agricultural operations there are carried on in accordance with the latest and most approved methods. As noted above, Mr. Brown is a member of the Grange and has long been

a lecturer in that behalf, as well as a lecturer before farmers institutes throughout the state, this latter position being under appointment from the State University authorities, he thus being one of the most widely-known agricultural authorities in the state. It seemed therefore but fitting that Governor Cox should name him as a member from this county of the Ohio state food commission upon the appointment of that body following the declaration of war in the spring of 1917. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Brown gives considerable attention to the breeding of registered Duroc-Jersey hogs and is doing very well in his operations. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg and has ever given close attention to the general business affairs of his home community, one of the active factors in the promotion of such movements as are designed to advance the welfare of the community as a whole. He is a Republican and has rendered further public service as a member of the local school board.

On October 8, 1901, John T. Brown was united in marriage to Ella D. Davis, who was born in Goshen township, this county, July 24, 1875, daughter of John E. and Sylvia J. (Fox) Davis, and who was graduated from the Mechanicsburg high school in 1894 and later was graduated from a college of art at Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the community's general social activities. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Brown is a member of the official board of the same. He is a member of Homer Lodge No. 474, Knights of Pythias, at Mechanicsburg, and takes a warm interest in Pythian affairs. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg, a member of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of Advance Grange.

John E. Davis, father of Mrs. Brown, was born on the farm on which Mr. and Mrs. Brown now make their home, August 31, 1844, and died on February 1, 1911. His widow, who still survives him, was born in Madison county, this state, August 9, 1847, and grew up at Tradersville, where she was married. On December 23, 1863, he then being but nineteen years of age, John E. Davis enlisted for service in the Union army, a member of Company K, One Hundred and Thirteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command served until the close of the war. During this service he was wounded three times and at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain was shot through the left shoulder. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Davis returned home and was actively engaged in farming until his retirement in 1897 and removal to Mechanicsburg, where he spent the rest of his life; continuing to manage the farm, however, until Mr. Brown

took charge of it in 1901. Mr. Davis was an active member of Stephen Baxter Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Mechanicsburg, was for many years commander of the post and ever took an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. He was a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a member of the local lodge of Masons. He and his wife were the parents of two children, Mrs. Brown having had a sister, Luluona, who died at the age of three years and six months. The house on "Pleasant View Farm," now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Brown, was erected by the latter's father in 1872, but has since been extensively remodeled and improved.

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### JOSEPH MURPHY.

There are many industries in our modern life which were absolutely unknown before the Civil War. Changing conditions demand new industries, and each year sees hitherto unknown industrial establishments making their appearance. In the days when Champaign county was still heavily forested there would have been no demand for such an establishment as the modern lumber company. The first company of this kind to make its appearance in Urbana does not date back more than four decades, but since that time the city has seen the location of a number of such concerns. For the past fifteen years the largest establishment in the city devoted to the handling of lumber and building supplies has been the Murphy Lumber Company, and for years it has been the only concern of the kind in the city. This company has enjoyed a prosperous career from the year of its organization, and its founder and moving spirit, Joseph Murphy, rightly deserves a high place among the men of Urbana who have been interested in its industrial development.

Joseph Murphy is one of that large group of men who have risen to a place in the world's activities through the exercise of their individual talents. Some men, as it were, have a business thrust on them; others develop the business which brings them before the world. To the latter class belongs Mr. Murphy. Born in Miami county, Ohio, on August 6, 1860, a son of William H. and Mary Murphy, both of whom were natives of this state, he has spent his life thus far in the state of his birth. When he was five years of age his parents moved to Versailles, Darke county, where his father established a lumber and hardware business, which he continued until his death.



Joseph Murphy





Mr. Murphy received his schooling in Versailles, and upon completing the course in high school, began teaching in the district schools of Darke county, and was thus engaged for five years. He spent his summer vacations assisting his father in the lumber business, and at the end of that time became a member of the lumber firm of Kusnick & Murphy, with which his father was connected, at Versailles. Some time later he moved to Covington and there engaged in the lumber business on his own account, remaining thus engaged at that place until in 1902, when he moved to Urbana and there embarked in the lumber business, under the firm name of the Murphy Lumber Company. He still owns and operates a lumber yard at Covington under the firm name of the Covington Lumber Company. Starting in a small way, Mr. Murphy has built up a business which is the largest of its kind in the county, and one of the largest in this section of the state. In connection with his extensive lumber yard he also operates a planing-mill and a cement-block factory, and is thus equipped to supply all the needs of the community for building material. His large plant on Miami street, adjoining the Big Four depot, covers more than an acre of ground, the main building covering twelve thousand one hundred and twelve square feet, while the separate sheds bring the feet under cover to eighty thousand.

Mr. Murphy was married in 1884 to Emma L. Worch, and to this union have been born five children: Opal, the wife of Rodney W. Martin, of Dayton, Ohio; Chalmer W., who is engaged in the lumber business at Xenia, Ohio; Hazel, the wife of Dr. C. D. Elder, of Marietta, Georgia; Joseph Ivan, who married Lucy B. Brown, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown, of Urbana; and Charles H., who is still living with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Christian church. Mr. Murphy is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the temple of this latter order at Dayton. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, but has never been a seeker after political preferment. The family residence on Scioto street is a beautiful stone structure, finely furnished, and ranks as not only the finest in the city, but also stands as one of the finest in the state. The yard presents a very attractive appearance. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy took it upon themselves to supervise the planting of the ornamental shrubbery in their yard, and the result shows that they used excellent taste in their work. One cannot find more attractive yards in the large cities. In the rear of the house is a fine stone garage, which comports in general architectural design with the house. Mr. Murphy is a firm

believer in the old fashioned gardens, but his garden combines the merits of the ordinary garden with all the floral beauty which an artistic eye can arrange. In fact, everything about the Murphy home bears witness to the quiet taste of its owner.

Thus briefly has been sketched a recital of the main facts of Mr. Murphy's life. The fifteen years which Mr. Murphy has spent in the city of Urbana has given the public at large the opportunity to judge of his value to the community honored by his residence. During all these years he has been active in all the movements which have been advanced for the betterment of the city, and every worthy cause has found in him a worthy advocate. Whether it was the paving of the street, the improvement of any of the many public utilities, or the erection of public buildings, Mr. Murphy has always been at the forefront of the group of public-spirited citizens who do things. In his personal relations he has been found true to the highest ideals of good American citizenship; honest in his convictions, fearless in adhering to them, zealous in advancing them, he has in all things endeavored to fulfill to the best of his ability the duties of a patriotic citizen of the Commonwealth. Such a man is Joseph Murphy, and it is such men who are the hope of our nation today.

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#### MILES N. CALLAND.

Miles N. Calland, one of Harrison township's well-known and substantial farmers and the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on rural mail route No. 1, out of West Liberty, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on December 8, 1877, son of Joseph and Sarah (Wilson) Calland, both natives of Champaign county, and the latter of whom died in December, 1892. To Joseph Calland and wife four children were born, three of whom are still living, all residents of Harrison township, the subject of this sketch having a brother, William A. Calland, a Harrison township farmer, and a sister, Isabel, wife of Fred M. Johnson, also a farmer in that same township.

Reared on the home farm in Harrison township, Miles N. Calland, received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood was a valued help in the labors of improving and developing the home place. After his marriage in 1900, he then being twenty-three years of age, Mr. Calland established his home on the quarter section he

now owns and has ever since lived there, he and his family being pleasantly and very comfortably situated. Mr. Calland has an excellent farm plant and is doing very well in his agricultural operations, carrying on the same in accordance with modern methods and in strictly up-to-date fashion.

On December 24, 1900, Miles N. Calland was united in marriage to Edith A. Couchman, who was born in Salem township, this county, September 1, 1881, and to this union three sons have been born, Gilbert A., born on March 8, 1903, who was graduated from the common schools in 1917; Joseph N., June 6, 1907, and Donald C., August 7, 1911. Mr. Calland is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mrs. Calland is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, he is a Republican, ever taking a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs; and fraternally, is a member of the local Grange, to the affairs of which organization he has for years given his earnest attention.

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## THE JOHNSON FAMILY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.

By Thomas L. Johnson.

The ancestors of the branch of the Johnson family, who were early settlers in Champaign county, came from Great Yarmouth, England. One, Thomas Johnson, in 1700, eloped with a chancery ward, Mary Baker, and settled in Calvert county, Maryland, on St. Leonard's creek. Though he had committed a penal offense in running away with a ward of court, he braved the dangers of apprehension by the authorities and started back to England. The ship was captured by the Spanish, but he finally succeeded in escaping and returned to America by way of Canada, to find his home burned by the Indians. He lived but a few years after his return. He left an only son, Thomas, born on February 2, 1702, who at an early age married Dorcas Sedgwick. Eleven children were born to this couple, and upon the death of his wife, Thomas took unto himself a second wife, whose maiden name is not known.

### SONS OF THOMAS JOHNSON.

In 1738 Thomas Johnson moved to Washington county, Maryland. In 1732 his eldest son was born, named for his father. This son studied law at Annapolis, was a member of the Continental Congress and was

chosen governor of Maryland in 1777. In 1791 he became an associate justice of the United State supreme court. He died in 1819.

The second son, James, was born in 1736 and died in 1809. He discovered iron ore in Washington county and built several furnaces. During the Revolutionary War he cast a large number of cannon and "furnished the Continental army with one hundred tons of bombshells."

Joshua Johnson, the fourth son, was born in 1743. In early life he went to England, and after the Revolution was appointed first American consul by President Washington.

John Johnson, the fifth son, born in 1745, became a physician. He died in 1811. Baker Johnson, born in 1749, also a lawyer, died in 1811. He commanded a battalion of infantry during the Revolutionary War. Roger Johnson, born in 1750, became interested in the iron business.

#### WILLIAM JOHNSON, HEAD OF THE FAMILY IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.

William Johnson, the third son, was born in 1742 at Hancock, Maryland, on the Potomac river, about thirty-five miles from Ft. Cumberland. His early life was the usual life of the pioneer boy, so far as we know, shortly after his birth, and from about the year 1750, there began to be much interest in the western country, all through Virginia and Maryland. That same year Christopher Gist left Old Town, Virginia, on a voyage of discovery for the Ohio company. In 1754 James McBride and party passed down the Ohio in canoes and a few years later came stories of the beauty and fertility of Kentucky, which later so well deserved the name of the "dark and bloody ground." A great movement set in that way following the mighty Daniel Boone.

For a long period of time it was generally understood that the territory lying to the north and west of the Ohio belonged to the Indians, while that on the south and east was open to the white man. However, the spirit of adventure and conquest was not willing to forego the virgin lands of the Muskingum and Miami valley, and sundry frontiersmen of treacherous and bloodthirsty temper, such as Cresap and Greathouse, cruelly murdering the family of the Indian chief, Logan, and other innocent Indians, brought on a condition of hatred, suspicion and open warfare, which rendered existence to the frontier of the utmost hazard. Finally Lord Dunmore organized an army to punish these Indian aggressors and a bloody battle was fought October 10, 1774, at Point Pleasant, which was most disastrous to the Indians. This victory for the frontiersmen was speedily

followed by a treaty of peace on the Pickaway plains and served to weaken the confidence of the Indian as to his ability to cope with his paleface foe, and likewise admonished him that the white man would seek out the fertile places where he had so long made his home.

In 1770 Col. Ebenezer Zane and his two brothers, Silas and Jonathan, had settled at a place on the Ohio called Wheeling Fort, and a center was established where began a colony of pioneers. In 1784 Virginia, which had hitherto made claims to the Northwest Territory, ceded all rights to the new government called the United States. In 1788 Cutler and Sargent located upon their purchase at Marietta. The year 1785 had seen a settlement made where Portsmouth is now located by four families from Redstone, but the Indians were unfriendly and too powerful, and they had to abandon the enterprise. Shortly after the settlement was made at Marietta, and during the same year, some adventuresome spirits had gone down to the Symes purchase, a few miles above Cincinnati. They began a clearing in the forest, and very soon thereafter at Ft. Washington, now Cincinnati, and at South Bend, a few miles down, the river flatboats landed, and cabins began to be built. In 1790 some French frontiersmen located at Gallipolis, so that before the opening of the new century, there were quite a number of cabins on the Ohio river.

These events profoundly affected William Johnson, who seemed to possess a more restless spirit than his brothers. In 1765 he was married to Ellen Mills, who had reached the mature age of seventeen years, and they began to carve out their own destiny in the world, which, to them, was so full at that time of stirring events and important issues. Jacob, their first child, was born in 1767, and other children followed: Hannah, Ellen, Lydia and Jane, and two sons, Barnett and Otho.

#### WILLIAM JOHNSON GOES WEST.

The restless spirit of the times seemed to possess William and he felt that he must get away from present surroundings and become a party of that hardy throng which braved all dangers and hesitated at no hardship to reach the unknown West. But he had an invalid mother, not his own mother, but one who had come in and cared for the brood she found in the home. This mother, being unable to travel, there was much discussion in this valley cabin as to what should be done. This new, rich, alluring West must be seen and some of the prizes it offered to the early comer secured; so William, his wife, his small children, his eldest boy, Jacob, being twelve years old,

and the helpless grandmother, decided to go out to this great West. They at once made preparations to travel over the road cut out of the forest by the unfortunate Braddock, toward the Ohio country. Their few possessions were gathered up, a litter was constructed between the pack mules into which the helpless grandmother was placed and goodbye was said to the old home. Thus they moved out to find the new home beyond the Alleghenies. This move was in the fall of 1778, and when they came near Redstone Old Fort, an important place on this famous road, and where it first reaches the Monongehela, a halt was made and the new home chosen. The grandmother did not live to see the waters of the Ohio, for she died during the winter of 1780. Redstone Old Fort, or as it was sometimes called, Ft. Burd, was at the junction of Redstone creek and the Monongehela, and is now the site of the busy city of Brownsville. William did not long remain here. He crossed over into Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the west side of the river, and busied himself for some ten years in the business of clearing up the forest, making occasional visits to surrounding settlements, but all the while hearing the call of the great, splendid West to come out and be one of her sons—to start as her child in the most primitive way, and to live in a close and intimate relationship.

The records show that William Johnson enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1777, and served until June, 1778. In January, 1780, he received a Virginia certificate for a tract of land "situate on the waters of Charteris creek." It was surveyed and contained three hundred and ninety-one acres. The patent was obtained November 20, 1786. On May 6, 1795, he sold this land. In April, 1786, he was appointed justice of the peace.

Jacob, the eldest son of William Johnson, now grown to manhood, was a vigorous, healthy, young man, fond of travel and anxious to see what was happening down in this great valley of the Ohio. Accordingly he sought some experience as a boatman. The river on which he had spent his boyhood, the beautiful Potomac, was not such a great stream as the Ohio and the Ohio swept away in the West, and the Mississippi, and far off, at the end of a five-months trip, was that fabled city on the other side of the world New Spain, New Orleans.

In the fall of 1798, William and Jacob Johnson, father and son, possessed by this spirit which truly harried men out of the Eastern settlements, must needs go to a country in Ohio, called the "Mad river country." So they procured some boats and, trusting to the river current, committed themselves to the Monongehela, and in due season reached Cincinnati, or Ft. Washington. They came up the Miami, and into this "Mad river country."



concerning which the Indians told such good things. Shortly before they came, Isaac Zane had purchased a large tract of land and was living in his blockhouse on the present site of Zanesfield, Logan county, and William and Jacob visited him, spending a day or two.

A very early settler in Logan county was on one Job Sharp, who had located about midway between East Liberty and Middleburg, and having heard that a man by the name of Johnson and his son were stopping at Zane's a pressing invitation was sent that they partake of the Sharp hospitality, and they accordingly stayed over night with Mr. Sharp. There were a goodly number of Indians in the Mad river country and the house of Isaac Zane and his half-breed Wyandotte wife was a favorite place of rendezvous.

The Johnsons looked over the place they came to see, and were greatly pleased with its apparent fertility, and also felt that they could live here without too much crowding. On this expedition William and Jacob called at McPherson's store, kept by an Indian trader about six miles south of the present site of West Liberty. They saw the valley of Kings creek, and all the beautiful land lying to the west, and felt that here somewhere would be an ideal spot for a home. This country was then the Northwestern Territory and the population within the bounds of what is now Champaign and Logan counties did not exceed a dozen white families.

I have mentioned Jacob's tendency to see something of the world, and on one of the trips down the Ohio, in the vicinity of Wheeling Fort, he met a young widow by the name of Martha Boggs McFarland, and, though he had grown to the mature age of thirty-two without having fallen under the spell of feminine wiles, this Ohio Valley woman captured his affections and being of a frank disposition, he immediately inquired if he might not claim her as his wife; without needless waiting they were married in 1799. Whether Jacob first met the noble woman who became his wife when he was on the trip to the Mad river country, or on some prior visit, this chronicler cannot say.

Capt. William Boggs, father of Martha, was a true pioneer. He was born in Berkley county, Virginia, and married Jane Erwin. Just when they left Virginia is not known, but Martha was born the year of Lord Dunmore's War, 1774, at Laurel Hill, Pennsylvania, near the summit of the Alleghenies on the Braddock road. Captain Boggs moved down to the vicinity of Wheeling, and Martha was in the fort at the time the Indians attempted to capture it, and it was with kindling eye and animated face that she used to recite to her children the story of that vivid incident in

her girl's life. Captain Boggs lived in the vicinity of Wheeling Fort for several years, later moving to an island in the Ohio just below Wheeling, which was called Boggs' Island. Here his wife fell sick and died in the night. Having no neighbor nearer than Wheeling Fort, the eldest daughter, Lydia, a girl of sixteen, took a canoe and alone in the darkness, on this great river, paddled up to the fort, arousing the sleeping inmates in order that some of the good women might come to care for the body of her dead mother. At the time of the death of his wife, Captain Boggs had eight children, Lydia, the sixteen-year old girl, being the eldest. A widow by the name of Barr, taking pity on his helpless condition, consented to come and be mother in his household and she accordingly came as she promised bringing along her own family of eight children. To this number of sixteen were later added two. So well did the Boggs and Barr families agree, that two weddings were had without going out of the family, two of the Boggs children marrying two of the Barr children. Shortly after the marriage of Jacob Johnson and Martha Boggs, Capt. William Boggs moved to the Pickaway Plains, being the first pioneer settler and suffering much hardship. He settled within a few rods of the spot where the treaty of peace was made at the close of Dunmore's War. He and his descendants were prominently identified with the settlement and development of that locality.

#### WILLIAM AND JACOB JOHNSON COME TO CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.

Upon the marriage of Jacob Johnson and Martha Boggs, they went back to Washington county, Pennsylvania, and there on January 26, 1800, their first child, Mary, was born. Jacob was thirty-four years of age and Martha twenty-six, and this crowded Washington county was no place to get on and make a home for the little ones. So a family council was called, the father, William, acting as chief adviser. He and Jacob told the others about the rich "barrens" of Mad river, Macochee and Kings creek, near where the Mingoes lived, and how much better it would be there than in hilly Washington county. The wives thought that though it was a long way from old friends, it would be better, while the children danced in glee in anticipation of the long journey which was to form one enlarged picnic.

So in the spring of 1803 we find them launching a flatboat and putting aboard the household goods of three families, William Johnson, Jacob Johnson, his son, and Robert Russell, a son-in-law. Jacob's family consisted of his wife, Martha, the two boys, who bore the name of McFarland; Mary, their

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**THIS MEMORIAL IS IN MEMORY OF JACOB AND MARTHA BOGGS JOHNSON, AND MARKS THE SPOT WHERE THE INDIAN CABIN STOOD INTO WHICH THEY MOVED APRIL 1, 1805. WITH OTHER PIONEERS THEY CAME AS THE INDIANS DEPARTED AND WORTHILY BORE THEIR PART IN SUBDUING THE WILDERNESS. THEY AND THEIR DIRECT DESCENDANTS HAVE OCCUPIED THIS LAND FOR A CENTURY AND THIS MEMORIAL IS PLACED IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE.**

INSCRIPTION ON THE PLATE IN THE STONE WHICH WAS SET AT THE SITE  
OF THE INDIAN CABIN INTO WHICH JACOB AND MARTHA  
JOHNSON MOVED APRIL 1, 1805.



first born, and Lydia, a second daughter. Robert Russell had married a sister of Jacob, and they were also coming to Ohio.

Pushing away in their commodious flatboat in the early spring of 1803, when the current was swift, one can imagine the light, happy hearts of all the company as they floated down the noble river with eager anticipations of the goodly country in the Mad river valley. Of course, sharp lookouts had to be kept for the perils of the navigation, and dangers from the lurking Indian and the river pirates. The beauty of the blossoming killikinic and the snowy dogwood appealed to them as they swept between the heights of the lower Monongehela. How eager were they all, especially the women and the younger children, to see old Ft. Duquesne, now newly named Ft. Pitt; and how interested they all were when William and Jacob pointed out the mouth of Yellow creek, where the Logan family had been so brutally murdered; and with what interest was noted all that Martha had to tell when they reached Wheeling Fort, of her girlhood and her friendship with the hero of Indian warfare, Lewis Wetzel, and the heroic defense of the little fort; how they landed at the island in midriver for a last look at the lonely grave of Martha's mother; of the eagerness to see where the "Yankees" had settled at Marietta, and what progress they had made in founding a New England in the Ohio wilderness; the great desire to see Point Pleasant at the mouth of the Kanawaha, where the Indian slaughter took place October, 1774; and doubtless they all joined in singing its commemoration song:

"Let us mind the tenth day of October,  
Seventy-four, which caused our woe;  
The Indian savages they did cover  
The pleasant banks of the Ohio."

We do not know how much time was consumed in this journey. If all conditions were favorable, ten days time was considered a quick trip from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati, floating by night as well as by day.

Reaching Cincinnati, they prepared to come to their new Ohio home. They passed through Dayton, on the Miami, where there was a mill and where they could get "flour for bread." They passed through what is now Springfield, and probably stopped at the public house kept by Griffith Foos. Later they came through the site of Urbana and here were four log cabins. They were a little indefinite as to just where they would finally locate their habitation. The low land at that time was very productive of "chills and fever," and the early settler chose, if wise, some more elevated place for building his home. So they passed over the bottoms or flat land and came

up the south branch of Kings creek and halted on the gravelly bluff just south of the creek, and a few rods east of the present Ludlow road.

Here they all remained during the fall of 1803 and all of 1804, and the winter of 1805. They had very few neighbors. Upon the site of the house formerly occupied by Col. John Thomas, lived a man by the name of Davis, but no other white inhabitants occupied this smiling valley at that time.

#### JACOB JOHNSON SETTLES IN MINGO VALLEY.

During the winter of 1805, Jacob planned to move to Mingo valley and arrangements were made for the purchase of the Denny and Tarbell surveys containing four hundred and seventy-eight acres on the north side of the valley, where the Indians had lived. In pursuance of this plan, on April 1, 1805, Jacob and Martha with their five children came across the prairies from Kings creek and occupied the log cabin out of which the Indians had moved. There was very little timber of much size in the valley, and standing where the old Johnson cabin stood, one could look across the valley to the higher land at the south. Martha in telling her children of one of the incidents of the moving day, said that in the valley were a great many wild-plum trees and that she remembered well how beautiful they looked with the snowy burden of bloom that April afternoon from this new home.

The Indian cabin into which they moved was not a suitable place for this mother to bring up her daughters, who must be good housewives, so a new cabin had to be built. During the early fall of that year the father and other members of the family were busy in getting ready the new house, so as to be comfortable for the winter, as well as to have the newest and finest house in the valley. The chimney was the last part of the house to be finished and great anxiety was manifested by the good housewife that they might be able to have supper in the new house the day they moved. There was some uncertainty about the chimney, but fortunately it had been finished as the day closed, and there was no doubt that the supper could be prepared in the new home. As she looked up from her work of putting things on the table, lo! there stood Mr. Davis, their nearest neighbor, who had come two miles to sit with them at their first meal in the new house.

The "Indian field" had been cleared and cultivated, but it was of comparatively small area. So, Jacob went busily at work, clearing away the brush and small timber in the "barrens," as it was called, so as to be able to put in the crops. His father, William, during the year of 1805, purchased



three hundred and seventy-five acres immediately south of Jacob's purchase, and in the spring of 1806, William moved from Kings creek to the south side of the valley and erected a house. A short distance east of the house built by William, his son, Barnet, erected a house and later the youngest son, Otho, who lived there until the year 1838, when he moved to Illinois.

Here Jacob and Martha faithfully did their duty toward making a home and getting on in the world. The neighborhood began to fill up and relatives began to locate in the vicinity. The usual pioneer development went steadily forward. The lives these pioneers led were very simple. They were ambitious to get the farms cleared and put under cultivation. Their personal wants were few. They were very much interested in their neighbors and there was a feeling of brotherhood that is little known today. When misfortune came there was no lack of sympathetic friends, who came with hearts full of help and comfort. There was a feeling of mutual interest through the entire community. The lives of our pioneer ancestors were doubtless narrow and their contact with the great outside world was limited, but they were honest and sincere men and women, and, though they knew nothing of fashionable society and their clothing did not hang as on the tailor's model, yet they worthily wore the habiliments of true manhood and womanhood.

The fall of 1805 found this couple installed in the new house, and the Indian cabin abandoned. As was the fashion in those old days, each two years found a new baby in the home, and Mary had, as she thought, no end of cradle rocking, and the trundle bed kept getting more crowded year by year. God was good; the rains came; the sun shone; seed time always came around, and harvest invariably followed. Assuredly, this home was the dwelling place of peace and of filial and parental love.

#### THE CALAMITY OF 1821.

The children were growing up. Mary had been married at the age of seventeen and Hiram and Nelson were vigorous, healthy boys able to do quite a little, when a calamity came to the family. On Christmas eve of 1821, the father, Jacob, was hauling some logs, having one end loaded upon a sled, the other end dragging upon the ground. One of the horses was young and spirited. He was driving, walking behind the sled, when suddenly the free end of the log slid round, catching his foot between the heavy log and a tree stump. He stopped the team and called to Nelson to come and release him, but the horses became restive, and he could not

control them, and consequently his foot was pulled round as the team started, the bones broken, and the tendons badly torn. Here at this Christmas time was a calamity indeed; the father wholly incapacitated and three boys to do the work and pay for the farm, the eldest of whom was barely thirteen.

Every effort was made to save the foot, but surgery in those days was only in its infancy, and so it was finally decided that the leg must be amputated. I wish an artist could paint the scene as it has been pictured to me, so that it might be put upon the wall of some great hospital to tell the story of the progress made in surgery during the years intervening. This was long before the blessed days of chloroform, and nothing was known of antiseptics. The day was fixed to take off the leg of Jacob Johnson, and it happened to be a bitterly cold day in February. The whole countryside was interested, and everybody came for ten or more miles. The house was small and could not contain all who came, so big heaps of logs were made outside and set on fire to provide warmth for the neighbors. Doctor Mosgrove, from Urbana, Doctor Carter, and a student, Doctor Lord, were in charge of the operation. A large table was brought near the middle of the room and upon this the patient was placed. The room was crowded with people. Upon a bed opposite, so as to see that all was going well, sat Martha, and by her side the youngest son, Alfred, then about five years old. Near them were interested and sympathetic neighbors. The surgeons began the work, and to many it seemed gruesome, but when they vacated their places, others eagerly sought them. Sitting by the side of the five-year-old boy was a near neighbor, Thomas Lindsay, who, like some others, feeling that such exhibitions are not wholesome, fell over in a faint. The work stopped for a moment while the fainting man was carried into the open air. The patient was of stoic mould, and bore the pain unflinchingly; except once, he groaned when an unusually painful period came. I say I should like to see some artist faithfully put this scene on canvas—the face of him so brave under the knife; the lineaments of rugged old Dr. Mosgrove, a name so long honored in this county; the face of her sitting on the bedside, looking into the future as she thought of the battle with the wilderness; the face of the five-year-old lad as he sat with his hand in that of his mother, fear and wonder alternately running across his child's countenance; the features and expression of the curious, and yet kindly sympathetic friends and neighbors, anxious to help this helpless man in his awful trouble, and this woman in what seemed to them worse than widowhood. Such a picture by a competent artist would tell a story which this generation can only know

as it comes to it from those who lived in the period of the "cabin and the clearing."

The year of 1822 finds this family with the father disabled, but the blow became softened by time. The boys grew up and the mother became cheery and happy, having learned as a girl, the necessity of making the best of everything. Thus things assume a more cheerful aspect.

The boys as they grew up toward manhood felt that they must make a success in life, and while the father could not be of any actual physical help, he was ready with wise advice and suggestion. Hard and faithful work counted in those days, as always, and it was evident that the farm would be paid for and all would go well. So it was decided that they would have a new house, and that a part of it, at least should be of brick. During the summer and fall of 1832, the brick was made and the house completed. It was a one-story house, with a low attic, and it had the large rooms and cavernous fireplaces of the day. Later, a frame part of substantially the same size was built. This house was occupied by the family until 1870.

#### THE SONS OF JACOB JOHNSON.

I have spoken of the three boys working together, and this they did to an unusual degree, for all they had was in common and all there was belonged to each. Somehow, each seemed to feel it a duty to remain at the family hearthstone. When Hiram reached the age of forty-three, he concluded he was sufficiently mature to take a wife, but he waited until after the father had passed out of life, and it was evident that Nelson and Alfred could and would care for the aged mother. Jacob died on July 4, 1845, lacking but eight days of having reached the age of seventy-nine years. On March 6, 1854, death came and ended the busy life of Martha—it had indeed been a busy life during the eighty-one years of its existence.

Three years before her death, in 1851, Hiram had married, and now Nelson and Alfred were alone in the world. Alfred, being younger and more venturesome perhaps, insisted that there must be a housewife and one who had more interest than the mere housekeeper. He took into the house very shortly after his mother's death as his wife, one who had ministered unto that mother in her last months of life. A new farm was bought and Hiram went and occupied it, and Nelson and Alfred stayed on in the old house. Other farms were bought and whatever was purchased was the property of the three brothers. The common money bought the dresses of the wives, and the clothing of the children; whatever was had. What they

possessed belonged to the three. They did business as H., N. and A. Johnson, or more familiarly "the Johnson boys."

They had bought, from time to time, large amounts of land, so they owned at one time something like two thousand acres, and were largely engaged in the live-stock business. In 1868 Nelson married Anne E. Gilbert, and went to live on the farm about a mile east of the village of Mingo. Hiram sometime prior having moved to a farm south of Kings Creek, near the Ludlow road. About the time of Nelson's marriage, as the children of Hiram and Alfred were growing up, it was thought best that a division of their property be made. This was done to the entire satisfaction of each, and the only necessity for calling in a lawyer was to take the acknowledgments to the respective quit-claim deeds. I think I am warranted in saying the business dealings of these brothers were somewhat unusual. They were partners for forty years without a serious difference, and they divided a large property without a word of dispute.

#### CHILDREN OF JACOB AND MARTHA JOHNSON.

Mary, the eldest child of Jacob and Martha Johnson, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1800. At the age of seventeen she married Robert Blair. To this marriage two children were born, Jacob and Alonzo, both of whom, inheriting the pioneer instinct, in early manhood sought their homes in Illinois. In 1831 Mary married Col. John Thomas, and for many years resided near Kennard. Three children were born to this second marriage, and two, Ivan and Marion Thomas, were long prominent citizens of this county. Mary Thomas, familiarly called by the neighbors "Aunt Polly," died in January, 1884.

Lydia, second child of Jacob and Martha, was born in 1802, and married James O'Neal. The newer West had great attractions for them, and in 1830 they moved to Indiana. Lydia died in 1868. Lavinia, the third child born in 1806, died at the age of eighteen.

Hiram, the eldest son to reach manhood, was born on August 6, 1808. He was a stalwart man, standing something over six feet and possessing great strength. In 1851 he married a neighbor girl, Margaret Brown, who was a helpmate to him in every sense. They lived on a farm about a mile east of Mingo until 1868, when they moved to a farm recently purchased, east of the Ludlow road, about four miles northeast of Urbana. Here they lived out their lives, worthy of the great respect in which they were held by their neighbors. Hiram died in October, 1900, and in a few years Margaret followed. Four of their children grew to adult years. Jacob, the

youngest, died in early manhood. Maria married Ellwood McClellan and now resides a short distance north of Urbana, and Boggs Johnson, still unmarried, resides with his sister, Mrs. McClellan. The youngest son, Ivan, lives near the old farm on the Ludlow road.

Nelson Johnson, second son of Jacob and Martha, was born July 1, 1810. He was a great lover of books and reading, and especially of history, and had a great interest in the lore of the early settler. He possessed a remarkable memory and was fond of telling Alfred's children stories of the early days. The story of many of the incidents narrated in this sketch came from his lips. In 1868 he married Anna E. Gilbert, and in this marriage he had the good fortune to secure a wife who admirably fitted his nature and temperament. He died in August, 1895. His widow still resides at the old home east of Mingo, and with her lives their only daughter, Mary. Their two sons died: Rodney, in early childhood, and Amos, in recent years, in the prime of young manhood.

Alfred, the youngest son of the pioneers, Jacob and Martha, was born June 10, 1817. He was of a quiet disposition, but active and energetic, a man of unusually deep feeling and affection; but was brought up in the old school which preached the doctrine that the exhibition of all feeling should be stifled, lest it be an expression of weakness.

Of the three brothers, Alfred was the more active in meeting the public in the conduct of their business. Shortly after his mother's death in 1854, he married Ann Elizabeth Stone, and they lived together for over fifty-one years in a most happy companionship. It was his earnest desire that he should live to help commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the settlement of his parents on the farm at Mingo, and that wish was granted. He died September 9, 1905, and at his request his body was taken to the little cemetery on the farm, where lie four generations of his family. His widow continued to reside in Mingo, until the last few years, when failing health prompted her to make her home with her daughter in Marion during the winter. She was always eager to get "back home" among her friends in the village. On June 28, 1917, at the age of almost eighty-eight years, she passed into the Beyond, and she sleeps in the little cemetery on the "Johnson farm."

#### CHILDREN OF ALFRED AND ANNE ELIZABETH JOHNSON.

The children born to Alfred and "Lizzie" Johnson were as follow:

Thomas L. Johnson, the eldest son, became a lawyer, went to Cleveland as a young man, and is now a practicing attorney in that city.



John B., the second son, lived for some years in Kansas, and then in Chicago, and has recently moved to Del'uniack Springs, Florida.

Otho G. lived for many years on the old farm, but now resides in the village of Mingo.

Martha, eldest daughter, married Daniel W. Strayer, and resided in Degraff for a few years, and later moved to Marion, Ohio.

Charles N. until recently lived in Kansas City, where he was engaged in the live-stock business. He recently returned to this county, and now resides on the John Enoch farm, near West Liberty.

Alfred, the youngest son, lived in the West and died at Mexico, Missouri, in 1912.

Merton, the youngest child, married Adolphus Russell, and now resides in the village of Mingo.

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### THOMAS N. OWEN.

Thomas N. Owen, a farmer of Rush township, this county, was born in that same township on July 1, 1837, a son of John Owen, also a native of that township, whose parents came here from Virginia, locating in Rush township in pioneer days. There they cleared and developed a farm and spent the rest of their lives. They had only one son, John Owen, father of the subject of this sketch. John Owen married Margaret Hazel. After his death she married Samuel Rogers and four children were born to that union, namely: Catherine, Maria, Emily and Frank. John Owen followed farming on the homestead, the place where his son Thomas N. now lives. The father spent his life there from the age of seven years. His death occurred in 1889 at the age of seventy-six years. His wife was a native of Champaign county, where she was reared. She was a daughter of Isaac Hazel and wife, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Rush township, this county in an early day and devoted their lives to farming here. They were parents of six children, namely: Thomas, James, Augusta, Sarah, Margaret and Artemisia. To John Owen and wife were born four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Artemisia, who married Richard Swisher and after living in Rush township for some time moved with her husband to Kansas, where both died; Sarah, now deceased, who was the wife of Henry Swisher; Nancy Ann, who died in young womanhood, unmarried.

Thomas N. Owen grew up on the home farm and attended the rural





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DR. THOMAS M. GAUMER.



MRS. T. M. GAUMER.

schools in Rush township. He remained at home until his marriage and later bought the old home place of two hundred and twenty-two acres. He was married in November, 1858, to Margaret Clark, who was born in Huntington, Pennsylvania. She is a daughter of Asa Clark, a native of Pennsylvania, who was an early settler in Union county, Ohio.

Mr. Owen has devoted his life to active agricultural pursuits and has been very successful. He has kept the home place well improved and well cultivated and raises a great deal of grain annually, most of which he feeds to live stock for the market. He has kept the buildings well repaired.

Five children have been born to Thomas N. Owen and wife, namely: Pearl, a son, who married Ella Saxby and is farming in Rush township, this county, and has three children, Thomas, Bart and William; Ida Belle, who married Oscar McAdams of Union township, and who died some time ago, leaving three children, James, Merton and Thomas; John, who is operating the old home place in Rush township, married Carrie Bower, a native of Warren county, Illinois, and has four children, Wilford, Ben, Howard and Claire; Asa, who is farming in Rush township, married Josephine Cushman, and has three sons, Clark, Ralph and Arthur; Jennie, who married Ben Rutan, of Marysville, Ohio, and has three children, Glen, Lucy and Milton.

On May 2, 1865, Mr. Owen enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Woodstock, and was sent with the troops to Bermuda Hundred, Virginia, remaining there until he was mustered out and honorably discharged. Mr. Owen is a Republican.

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### THOMAS MELANCTHON GAUMER.

The late Thomas M. Gaumer was born in Adamsville, Ohio, February 2, 1848, a son of Jonathan and Mahala (Barrett) Gaumer; a grandson of Daniel Gaumer and a great-grandson of Jacob Gaumer. The Gaumer family, which has numerous members in many parts of the United States, is of German origin; however, the coming of the founder of the family to the New World was at so early a period that the date of that immigration is not known. The known history of the Gaumer family in the United States begins with Jacob Gaumer, Sr., whose family lived at various times in Virginia, Maryland, and in Lehigh and Somerset counties, Pennsylvania; in which latter state he was born about the middle of the eighteenth century. Some

time after the "embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard round the world" at Concord bridge, Jacob Gaumer left his farm and those dear to him to follow the martial fortunes of Washington, from Ft. Du Quesne to Yorktown, as drum major. In 1806 Jacob Gaumer and his family pushed out of Ohio from Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and settled on a tract in the unbroken wilderness, eight miles north of Zanesville, in Muskingum county. Later, however, he moved to another tract in the woods near Adamsville, in the same county. At the latter place his death occurred in 1820, and that of his wife in 1814. Jacob Gaumer's son, Daniel, and his family remained back in the Keystone state when his father came out to Ohio in 1806; but in 1809 he, too, found the lure of the West irresistible and followed his father to Ohio with his family and settled near Adamsville, in Muskingum county. His death occurred there in 1859, and that of his wife, Hannah (Baughman) Gaumer, in 1874. All four of these pioneers, as well as Dr. Thomas M. Gaumer and many others of the family, are buried in the New Hope Lutheran cemetery, near Adamsville, Ohio, the land for which was given by Jacob Gaumer from his farm soon after he located at that place. Daniel Gaumer, too, heard the call of his country in the time of its need and went forth to do or die in the War of 1812. He was the father of fourteen children, the eleventh of whom was Jonathan Gaumer, the father of Dr. Thomas M. Gaumer.

Jonathan Gaumer was born in Ohio, in 1822, and died in 1895. His wife, Mahala Barrett, the mother of Doctor Gaumer, was born in 1823 and died, November 9, 1915, in the ninety-second year of her age. The father of Doctor Gaumer devoted his whole life to agriculture, but he was often called to fill local offices. He was the father of nine children, and among them are the following: Dr. Thomas M., the eldest; Charles N., a prominent citizen and newspaper man of Mansfield, Ohio; Hannah J.; Rachel V.; Daniel H., who is deceased; Mary; Martha; and Cidda. The Gaumer family has been one of prominence and influence in Muskingum county. Two of Doctor Gaumer's brothers have been members of the Ohio Legislature, and Charles N. Gaumer, of Mansfield, was a member of the national House of Representatives from 1890 to 1894. Daniel H. Gaumer, of Zanesville, was a representative in 1888-89, a state senator in 1890-91, and was postmaster in Zanesville at the time of his death in 1898.

While still young in years, Thomas M. Gaumer removed with his parents to a farm in Muskingum county, which continued to be his home until 1876. He was educated in the public schools and at Denison University at Granville, and subsequently taught school for a number of years.



Having determined to devote his life to the practice of medicine, he entered the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, and was graduated therefrom in 1876. The year previous he married Eliza M., daughter of Barton and Julia (Walker) Cone, and thus became allied with a family as meritorious as his own. Barton Cone was born in Monroe township, Muskingum county, Ohio, August 23, 1824, and was a son of Jared Cone, a pioneer of Muskingum county. Jared Cone was the son of Jared, the son of Mathew, the son of Jared, the son of Daniel, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1626, came to America with two brothers in 1660, and settled in Haddam, Connecticut, where he died in 1706.

Mrs. Gaumer's paternal grandmother, Eliza (Schoff) Cone, was the daughter of Philip Schoff, one of the heroes of the Revolution, and Elizabeth (Ramsey) Schoff. Through these Mrs. Gaumer is descended from a long line of ancestors who were numbered among the founders of this great country, and who sprang from the ancient families of Europe, now celebrated in song and story. Philip Schoff, Sr., a pioneer of Guernsey county, Ohio, was a hero of three wars, and was probably the youngest soldier whose name appears upon the official records of the War of the American Revolution. When a lad of scarcely nine years, in 1778, he carried a gun in helping to defend a little frontier settlement in Pennsylvania (where he was born), from an attack by British and Indians. During the "Whiskey Insurrection" in 1794, he, as a young man, made the memorable march over the mountains to western Pennsylvania where anarchy was quelled and peace and order restored. During the War of 1812 he served, from Guernsey county, in the Ohio militia.

In Indianapolis, Indiana, there is a patriotic organization, a chapter of the United States Daughters of the War of 1812, which has been named in honor of this hero of three wars, the Philip Schoff Chapter of Marion County. The Indiana state society, as well as the Marion county chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812, was organized by Philip Schoff's great-granddaughter, Mrs. Fanny R. W. Winchester; and both organizations have done much valuable patriotic and historical research work, recognized powers for all that is uplifting and beneficial in the life of the community. Philip Schoff's father was also a Revolutionary War patriot, and he laid down his life for the cause of American independence. He crossed the Delaware with General Washington and fought at Trenton and Princeton in that dark winter of 1776-77 when the patriot cause was at its lowest ebb.

The Schoffs of Ohio are descendants of one of the ancient families of German nobility. They were among the earliest crusaders to the Holy Land, and later the family took a lively part in the Protestant Reforma-

tion which followed Luther's nailing of the ninety-five theses to the door of the Wittenberg church. Mrs. Charles Peabody Wilder, a granddaughter of Philip Schoff, born in Muskingum county, Ohio, and who died in Indianapolis, Indiana, began the compilation of the Schoff family history. She died long before the necessary data had been gathered for the work, but her daughter, Mrs. Fanny R. W. Winchester, has resumed the work where her mother left off and will soon have ready for publication a valuable contribution to Ohio's genealogical lore.

Through Elizabeth Ramsey, the wife of Philip Schoff, Sr., Mrs. Eliza M. Gaumer is descended from one of the most ancient and illustrious families of Scotland, which dates from the time of David I, of Scotland, in 1140. Sir Walter Scott, who had a high regard for the Ramsey family, makes honorable mention of their valiant services in Scotland's cause in one of his historical novels, "Fortunes of Nigel." Fordoun, the historian, and many other writers have eulogized the members of this famous family of Scotland's nobility. Through her Schoff ancestry Mrs. Gaumer has three Revolutionary sires, for Elizabeth (Ramsey) Schoff's father was an officer in the patriot army. Moreover, Mrs. Gaumer's father served in the Civil War.

After his marriage and graduation, Thomas M. Gaumer located in Wyandot county, Ohio, and after practicing medicine for a time removed to Adamsville, which continued to be his home until 1882. In the meantime his aspirations had undergone a change, and he seems to have found less enjoyment in his profession than he expected. At any rate, after weighing the chances, he decided in favor of journalism, and thereafter medical science knew him only as an erstwhile practitioner. After purchasing the *Champaign Democrat* at Urbana, he edited and published the same for about a year, and then, in partnership with his brother, D. H. Gaumer, published the *Zanesville Signal*, a daily paper. After disposing of his interests in the *Signal* in 1887, he repurchased the *Champaign Democrat*, and from then until the time of his death, September 30, 1893, his energies were devoted to making this sheet a practical and interesting news dispenser. He was a staunch Democrat, a keen observer of men and events, and had the faculty of finding out what the public wanted to know. His editorials evinced a world of common sense, and an intelligent understanding of all sides of prevailing public conditions. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and was fraternally associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, who survives him, is the mother of three sons: Charles Edmund, Frank Cone, and Bruce Barton. Mrs. Gaumer is a member of the Independent Bible Students Association, of which the late Pastor Russell was president.

## HARVEY S. RECK.

Harvey S. Reck, who has been connected with the Pennsylvania Lines for the past thirty years, was born near Gettysburg, Darke county, Ohio, October 8, 1866. He is a son of Wilkins and Eunice B. (Hoover) Reck, both of whom were natives of the same county. Wilkins Reck, a son of Michael and Mary (Warwick) Reck, was born on November 14, 1841, near Gettysburg, Ohio, and was married to Eunice B. Hoover on August 10, 1865, shortly after he was honorably discharged, with the rank of sergeant, from Company H. One Hundred and Fifty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Michael Reck was a son of John William and Ann (Hiner) Reck, and was born near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, being one of eleven children. John W. Reck was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, on a farm near Gettysburg, in the year 1785. John W. was the first of the family to locate in Ohio, coming to Darke county with his wife and children in 1828. He entered nine hundred and twenty-eight acres of land in that county on November 14, 1828, and lived in the county until his death. He became one of the wealthiest men in the county and had the honor of laying out and naming the town of Gettysburg in his adopted county. The family have been prominently identified with Darke county for the past ninety years.

It was there that Michael Reck, the grandfather of Harvey S. Reck, located with his parents when he was eighteen years of age. Michael was married on November 23, 1836, to Mary Warwick, his second wife, and to this union were born ten children. As stated above, Wilkins, the father of Harvey S., was one of these ten children. Wilkins and his wife became the parents of six children. Harvey S., the oldest of the six children, was reared on the old Reck homestead and received his elementary schooling in the district schools and completed his education in the high school at Covington, Ohio. Upon reaching his majority, in 1887, he decided to learn telegraphy, and with this end in view became a student in the telegraph office of the Pennsylvania Lines at Bradford, Ohio. Within a year he was fully qualified to take charge of a telegrapher's key and was given a temporary position in the office at Bradford, for three months. In November, 1888, he was transferred to a telegraph office at Piqua, remaining there for four years.

In 1891 Mr. Reck was married and the same year was promoted to a responsible position in the Pennsylvania office at Piqua, where he was sta-

tioned for the next nineteen years. In April, 1910, he was appointed agent of the Pennsylvania station at Covington, Ohio, being given full charge of the office. That his work was eminently satisfactory to the company is shown by the fact that two years later, February 1, 1912, he was placed in full charge of the office at Urbana, Ohio, where he is now stationed. It is not too much to say that the company does not have a more efficient and trustworthy employee than Mr. Reck. The responsibilities of the position in a city the size of Urbana are very exacting and demand a man of unusual executive ability. That Mr. Reck meets every requirement of such a position is evidenced by his retention in the office here where his administration of its manifold duties are equally satisfactory to the company and to the people of the community which he serves.

Mr. Reck was married on March 15, 1891, to Hattie G. Fall. She is a daughter of Joshua and Phoebe (Eirhart) Fall, and was born on September 2, 1871. They have two daughters: Hazel K., born on September 13, 1892, and Thelma E., born on April 13, 1894. Both daughters are graduates of the Urbana high school, and make their home with their parents.

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#### RAYMOND H. SMITH.

Raymond H. Smith, the son of Frank and Anna (Hewett) Smith, was born in Woodstock, Ohio, March 9, 1886. Mr. Smith spent his early years in the village of his birth, and it was there he received his common and high school education. The perspective acquired from his early training, his own talents, and the opportunities for men of superior training filled him with the desire to acquire a higher education. Accordingly he entered Ohio State University at Columbus, and took the course in civil engineering. After he graduated from the university, he speedily found places where his training, coupled with his own natural ability, was in demand.

When an engineer was needed for the very important task of installing the sewage-disposal plant at Urbana, the superior ability of Mr. Smith commended him to the city authorities for the task, and he was employed to take charge of that undertaking. The plant was completed in due time, and is now considered the best in the state, in a town the size of Urbana. Advancement followed Mr. Smith's completion of this engineering project, and he is now deputy county surveyor of Champaign county, and also serves most acceptably as highway superintendent. His very careful and expert

administration of his duties in these capacities has met with such approval on the part of the voters of Champaign county, that it is quite probable the next election will find Mr. Smith elevated to the office of county surveyor. While in the university Mr. Smith was captain of Company B, Field Battalion, Ohio Signal Corps, and has seen considerable active service in the field.

On September 22, 1915, Mr. Smith married Mary Francis Robison, the daughter of James S. Robison and Lida (Hedges) Robison. Mr. Smith is a quiet, unostentatious man, who impresses one with the strength of his personality. He always attends strictly to business, which he transacts with dispatch, deliberation and exactitude. Whenever he has served the public, he has done so with his whole soul. His career, begun under such favorable portents, promises well for a life full of unstinted and valuable service to his fellowmen.

The history of the Smith family has been traced back to 1700 by Raymond H. Smith and shows a prodigious amount of research on his part. The family have been connected with Champaign county for nearly a century, being one of the first families to locate in the Woodstock community. It is probable that there are few families in the county whose genealogy has been more carefully worked out than this one of the Smith family. The genealogy as worked out by R. H. Smith is given in the succeeding paragraphs. It will be noticed that there are some names and dates which are missing, it being impossible in several cases to get exact information.

#### THE SMITH FAMILY IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.

Thomas Smith was born in England about 1700 and crossed the Atlantic, settling at Hadley, Massachusetts, between 1730 and 1740. He had four sons, Aaron, who was killed in the Revolutionary War; Stillman, Jesse and Sylvanus. His son, Sylvanus Smith, was a native of Connecticut, and was twice married, his second wife being Amy Sprague. Sylvanus served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, as ensign. His children were Sylvanus Jr., Justin, Aaron, Philip, Samuel, Jesse, Stillman, Lester and Dexter. Justin lived in Vermont and raised a large family, as did Aaron; Philip came to Ohio in 1835 (aged eighty years); Jesse served in the War of 1812 and afterward went to Michigan; Stillman was also in the War of 1812 and was killed by a cannon ball at Niagara; Lester married in Vermont and came to Ohio in 1828 (aged seventy years). He was the father of a large family; Dexter, the youngest, came to Ohio in 1830, where he reared a large family.



His children were Clark, Elias, Sylvanus, Dexter Pearl, Rosalvo and Alice. Dexter Pearl Smith's children were Byron, Henry, Cora, Harry, Ora, Lena, Ernest and Dolly. They have all been married and live in or near Woodstock. Dexter Smith died in Ohio; Samuel Smith married Phoebe McCutcheon, who was of Scotch descent. They were natives of Vermont, coming to Woodstock in 1815. Samuel was born in 1792 and died at the age of thirty due to unhealthy conditions of the country. Phoebe died in 1878 at the age of eighty-seven. Their children were Cyrus, who was born in Vermont before 1820; Jesse, Lois, Stephen and Amy, all being born in Champaign county, with exception of Cyrus.

Sylvanus, Jr., came to Champaign county from Vermont in October, 1816, accompanied by his brother, Samuel. Sylvanus, Jr., was a Whig and later joined the Republican party. He served with the minute men from Vermont in the War of 1812 and was in the battle of Plattsburg on Lake Champlain. He married Thankful Kelsey (Dutch), April 2, 1812. Their son, Hiram, was born in Vermont, January 2, 1814, while Myron G., Richard S., Lorena A., Samuel G., Azro and Andrew J., were born in Ohio. They are all dead except Azro, who was born August 20, 1828. Sylvanus Smith, Jr., died on July 12, 1872, aged eighty-four years, eight months and twenty days. His wife, Thankful Kelsey, born on June 29, 1791, at Newport, Connecticut, died on December 24, 1876. She was the daughter of Giles and Elizabeth (Post) Kelsey, of New Hampshire. Giles was a Revolutionary soldier and lived with his son-in-law in Ohio until his death. He is buried at Treacles Creek cemetery. His three sons, Josiah, Nathan and Stephen live in Champaign county. Nathan and Stephen, who served in the War of 1812, died in Union county, Ohio.

Azro Smith attended common school and Antioch College. During the winter he taught school in Illinois and later taught in his home town. He was married to Mary Inskeep in March, 1859, she being the daughter of William and Kittura (Warner) Inskeep, and in 1890 moved to Humboldt county, Iowa, where he purchased two hundred and forty-five acres of land. After living there for five years he returned to Woodstock, Ohio. The seven children born to this union were: Lillian T., wife of A. J. Harlan, of Lincoln county, Kansas, who has one daughter, Mabel; Arthur, of Grant county, Minnesota; Ora A., also of that county; Lucy, wife of E. C. Hudson, of Champaign county, now in the West; Kitty, wife of Charles Rice, of Bowling Green, Ohio; Edith, wife of Clay McClurg, of Tiffin, Ohio; Ethel, wife of A. J. Greenwald, also of Bowling Green. Azro was a member of the Universalist church and of Woodstock Lodge No. 167, Independent



Order of Odd Fellows. He was a Republican and enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for the one hundred days service in the Civil War. He was in Virginia, at Petersburg, and was mustered out on August 29, 1864, as first lieutenant, serving twenty days over time. He afterwards received a captain's commission in the Fourth Regiment, Ohio National Guard.

Samuel G. Smith, brother to Azro, was born in Rush township, September 5, 1826. He was a surveyor and engineer. He married Hepsie J., daughter of William Inskeep, on December 29, 1853, but had no children. They raised True McIlroy, who belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 167. His brother, Andrew, was born near Woodstock in the year 1832. He married Delilah Inskeep, daughter of William, in 1855. They had nine children: Jesse, Jossie, Lora, Fanny, Hattie, Mattie, Eunice, Dale and Maud. Mrs. Smith was born in Union county, December 31, 1836. Mr. Smith belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 167, and was a Universalist in faith.

Stephen A. Smith was a son of Cyrus and Lydia Smith and was born in 1840. Cyrus was the son of Samuel and Phoebe. He first married Lydia Hall in 1836. Their children were: George W., Stephen A., Sarah L., Williard H., Elisha D. and Howard. Mrs. Smith died in 1854 at the age of thirty-nine years. He then married Mrs. Fannie (Smith) Harrington on April 6, 1856. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 167, and a Universalist. He was also a member of Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, of one hundred men. He died on June 25, 1880. Stephen A. enlisted in April, 1861, for the three months service in Company K, Second Ohio National Guard, and was in the battle of Bull Run. After his discharge he returned home and on October 15, 1862, enlisted in Company F, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Second Brigade, Second Division and Fifteenth Army Corps. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Arkansas Post, Siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Champion Hill, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro and was with General Sherman on the march to the sea. He veteranized on January 1, 1864, at Bellefonte, Alabama, and was mustered in at Larkensville, Alabama, January 22, 1864. He was discharged on July 25, 1865, having served four years. He married Susan Epps, July 25, 1867, and two children were born to this union, Harvey J. H., and Laura E.

Erastus M. Smith was born at Woodstock in 1842, and was the son of Elias and Huldah (Swift) Smith. His father was born at Stowe, Ver-

mont, in the year 1811. Huldah was born in Rochester, Massachusetts, in 1842. Erastus died on February 28, 1871. They had four children, two of whom are living, Philip and Erastus M. The others were: Curtis B., who died in 1863, aged twenty-eight, leaving a wife and two children, Frederick and Orvis E., one dying in infancy. His grandparents, Philip and Rosina Smith, came here in 1836. He died in 1866, aged eighty. She died in 1858, aged seventy-three. They had three children: Susan, Elias and Abel. They belonged to the Christian church. Erastus M. enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, on May 2, 1864, and was discharged on September 1 of the same year. He married Mrs. Laura (Cranston) Marsh, daughter of Edward Cranston. They had one daughter, Nina H., born on June 14, 1880, who died in June, 1917, who married Rev. Harlan Glazier, a Universalist minister. By his wife's (Laura) previous marriage with Charles W. Marsh, she had the following children: Mattie, Charles D., Lucy and Hattie, deceased. Mr. Marsh died in February, 1869. His son, Jesse, married Mary M. (or Minerva) Thomas, daughter of Gardner and Thankful Thomas, from Stowe, Vermont. They came to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1834, and located in Rush township. He was in the War of 1812 and was at the battle of Plattsburg. He moved to Illinois and died there at the home of a son. Jesse and Mary had ten children. They moved to Indiana. Jesse died in 1800 and Mary in 1872. Their children were: Helen Harriet, Calvin, Phoebe T., Eliza A., Charles A., Ida L., Clarence M. J., Carrol and Solon H.

Harriet Smith married Joseph Chamberlin on January 16, 1859. Joseph Chamberlin was born in Livingston county, New York, on May 9, 1834, a son of John and Sarah (Bodine) Chamberlin, also of New York and descendants of old Colonial families. The founder of the family came from England with his wife and three children. He was drowned in a whirlpool off the coast of New Jersey. One of his sons located in New England, one in New Jersey and one in a Southern state. Joseph's great grandparents were Joseph and Amy Chamberlin. Their son, William, Joseph's grandfather, was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, in October, 1773, and married Elizabeth Duckworth, June 10, 1793. They had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. He located at Vienna, Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1834. He died on March 19, 1851, aged seventy-eight years. Joseph's father, John, was born in New Jersey, March 10, 1796, and married Sarah Bodine, March 3, 1817. They were the parents of twelve children: Matilda, Mary, Elizabeth, Ann, Sarah Jane, John V. R.,

Emma and Hope, of Illinois; Joseph, of Ohio; Effie, Angelina and William, both of Kansas. The family came to Champaign county in 1854, locating at Woodstock. Joseph enlisted in the Sixty-sixth Ohio Regimental Band and served until 1862. He was a member of the Army of the Potomac in Virginia. He was elected sheriff of this county in 1880. The children of this union were: Charles, born on October 2, 1859, who died on October 14, 1860; Sarah, August 24, 1861, who married Lincoln Burnham, of Goshen township, Champaign county, and has two children, Ralph and Helen. Helen is married to George Lincoln, son of William and Mary (Martin) Lincoln, of Rush township. Helen and George have one son, Richard, and one daughter, ————. Lincoln Burnham's father was Andrew Burnham. He has a brother, Grant, and a sister, Lida; Jessie Helen, born on June 4, 1865, died on August 10, 1865; Harriet Maude, December 9, 1874, married C. Kent Lincoln, son of ———— and Margaret Lincoln. Kent has one sister, Edna (Mrs. Mac McMullin). Maude and Kent have two children, William and George, all now living at Woodstock; Bell, born on June 3, 1881, died on July 21, 1881. Joseph Chamberlin was a charter member of Champaign Lodge No. 525, Free and Accepted Masons, of Urbana; of Woodstock Lodge No. 167, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a charter member of the W. A. Brand Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Urbana. He was a Republican. He died ————.

Stephen K. Smith, the son of Samuel Smith, and brother to Jesse, was born in Champaign county on January 30, 1822. He married Rebecca Baldwin, daughter of Jeremiah Baldwin, of Scotch-Irish descent, in 1842. Stephen enlisted in Company G, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on August, 1862, and twenty days afterward participated in the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, and was a prisoner in Andersonville prison a short time, then was paroled and sent home; was exchanged in five months; then participated in the siege of Vicksburg. His regiment went to Missouri, but on account of sickness he remained at Memphis until his regiment returned. They raided through Tennessee and Mississippi. He was in the battles of Guntown, Tupelo and Franklin, Tennessee; thence to Mobile, siege of Spanish Fort and finally, at Mobile, Alabama, were apprised of Lee's surrender. He was also in several skirmishes, being wounded several times. He was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, August 19, 1865, after seeing just three years of service. He was regimental quartermaster sergeant. After the war he put up a tile factory at North Lewisburg. He was a Universalist in religion and a Republican in politics. He belonged to Lodge No. 167, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The children of

this marriage are as follow: John M., Lora E., Timothy D., Emma O., Velma, deceased; Frank W. and Elizabeth, deceased.

John married Phoebe Elvira Smith Darrow, who was a sister to Alandrus and Sylvanus Darrow, deceased. John and Phoebe had a daughter, Iva, who married Bruce Craig of this county. The Craig family had two daughters, Alice and Ethel. John entered the Civil War at the age of nineteen years, serving in the same regiment as his father. Timothy married Josie Smith. They have one daughter, Helen, who married William Zimmer, and they, in turn, have one daughter, Lora, who married John M. Hatfield, of this county. Their children were: Charles, deceased; Hattie, deceased; Frank and Burley, who lost their health while at Tampa, Florida, during the Spanish-American War of 1898, and died a short time after they came home. They are buried at Jenkins Chapel. Frank was a sergeant, and both belonged to Company D, Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Martha, who married Ross Dix, of this county, a brother to Mrs. Warren Lincoln, of Woodstock. They now live at Greeley, a short distance from Denver, Colorado. They have five children: Emma, who married Sylvanus Darrow, and Velma, who married Alandrus Darrow, a brother to Sylvanus. Emma and Sylvanus have one daughter, Nellie, who married Eugene Varley, of Los Angeles, California, where they and their mother, Emma, live with their one daughter, Dorothy, Sylvanus having died there. Velma and Alandrus have two daughters, Florence and Eva Lois. Florence, who married Lewis Spain, of North Lewisburg, and they have one daughter, Cliff. They are all living.

Frank W. Smith was born February 19, 1854. In 1886 he married Anna M. Hewitt, who was born on December 18, 1863. They moved to Grey Center county, Kansas, where they lived for six years, returning thence to Woodstock. Anna M. Hewitt was the daughter of Nicholas Pease Hewitt (born on May 5, 1832, in Washington county, Pennsylvania) and Lucy L. (Cushman) Hewitt (born on September 17, 1842, in Woodstock, Ohio, dying January 16, 1893), Nicholas P. was the son of George Hewitt, born on February 15, 1805, in Pennsylvania, dying on August 9, 1870, in Wayne county, Ohio, at the age of sixty-five, and Anna Engle Hewitt, born on July 23, 1807, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. She died in Wayne county, in 1901, aged ninety-two years. Her mother's name was Pease. They came to Ohio and settled in Wayne county when Nicholas P. was only six months of age, in 1832. He had the following brothers, he being the fourth youngest: John—married Nett Myers; James, Samuel, David and Elizabeth. Nicholas took up the trade of making all kinds of wheel vehicles and located in Woodstock

in 1853, building there a shop in conjunction with a man named Welsh. He later went into business for himself until machine-made vehicles put him out of business. In 1862 he enlisted in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regimental Band, to which he belonged during his term of service. He was in an engagement at Ft. Republic, in which his regiment lost heavily. He was discharged in July, 1863, and returned home, but soon after, in 1864, re-enlisted in Company D of the same regiment and saw much active service in the vicinity of Richmond and Petersburg. He engaged in the grocery business in conjunction with his manufacturing business. He later became postmaster. His wife, Lucy, was the daughter of Frank and Susan (Gifford) Cushman. Their children were: Annie, Warren, Lucy, Nellie, Georgie, and Lina and Susie (both deceased).

Warren married May Felton, an English woman. He has been the resident physician at the Ohio Sailors and Soldiers' Orphans Home, at Xenia, for years. Lucy married William E. Lattimer, of Columbus, Ohio, who moved to Woodstock and started a general merchandise store. They have two children, Funtobelle and Wilbur. Funtobelle is a graduate of the Ohio University, in music. Nellie married Pearl Clark, of North Lewisburg, son of Shepherd Clark. They have two children—Harold and Roger. Harold is married and has one child and they are all living at Albany, New York; Roger is a student at the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis. Pearl is the editor of a newspaper at Norwich, New York. Georgia married Nelson H. McClellan, son of———McClellan, of Cable. They have two sons—Robert and George—and live at Marysville, Ohio, where he is a wholesale candy and tobacco merchant.

Frank and Anna (Hewett) Smith have two children—Raymond H., born on March 9, 1886, and Lillian A., April 18, 1887. Raymond is a graduate of Ohio State University in civil engineering. He was captain of Company B, Field Battalion, Ohio Signal Corps. On September 22, 1915, he married Mary Francis Robison (born on August 17, 1886, daughter of James S. Robison and Lyda (Hedges) Robison). James S. was the son of Samuel L. Robison, (born on July 31, 1817, who died on December 26, 1910, aged ninety-four years) and Mary Ann Myers (born on April 27, 1827, who died on December 3, 1914, aged eighty-eight years). Samuel L. was the son of Davis Robison (born on March 17, 1775, in Honeybrook, Pennsylvania, who died on January 29, 1849, aged seventy-three years and ten months) and Nancy Hunter (born on May 4, 1778, at Honeybrook, Pennsylvania, who died on January 13, 1849, aged seventy years and ten months). They were married in December, 1800, and had the following children: Jane, Esther,



William, Eliza, Hunter, John and Samuel. Esther married James, son of David and Mary (Anderson) Simpson, (who came to America in 1792) in the year 1845. To this union, two children—James and John—were born.

Mary Ann Myers was the daughter of John Myers, (born on May 5, 1871, who died in October, 1871, aged ninety years and five months), and Catharine Bear (born on August 23, 1791, who died on September 13, 1875, aged eighty-four years and twenty days). They had the following children: Eliza, Harriet, Susan, Abner, John, Catherine, Jacob, Mary Ann and Sarah.

Samuel L. and Mary Ann Robison had the following children: William H., David T., Catherine E., Sarah J., John A., Anna Mary and James S. William H. Robison, born on October 25 1846 married Rebecca E. Dunlap, November 11, 1874. She died on February 21, 1899. Their children were: Maude, Pearl, William, Mary and Waldo. Maude married O. J. F. Anderson. She died on October 7, 1902, aged twenty-seven years. Their children are Ruth and Donald. Pearl married Elvie Engles and the following children were born to them: Anna (deceased) aged thirteen; Frank, Helen, Mary; William, married to Margaret Kulp, whose children were Thaddeus, Richard, Hazel (deceased) two years; and Crystal.

Waldo married Susan Kulp, sister to Margaret. They have the following children: Kenneth, Esther, James and Martha. All are living near Urbana.

David T. Robison, born on October 27, 1843, died on February 27, 1875; attended Hanover College in 1875, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree there. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He never married. Catherine E. was born on January 1, 1851, and died on September 11, 1851; Sarah J. was born on November 15, 1852, dying on March 1, 1853; John A., December 31, 1854; Anna Mary, August 1, 1857. John and Anna are living on the old home place, "The Catalpas," on the Pretty Prairie pike, in Urbana township.

James S., born on October 10, 1859, married Lida Hedges in 1882. They had three children, the first dying. The two remaining are: Harry and Mary F. Harry was born on July 27, 1884, in Salem township. Lyda was the daughter of Harrison and Mary (Sovereigns) Hedges. Harrison was a Civil War veteran. He and Mary had seven children; William, Lyda, Viola, Eva, Emma and two dying in infancy. William Hedges married Mrs. Ward and they have no children; Viola Hedges married John Wierman. Both of their children are dead; Eva Hedges married Walter Phillips and they have one daughter, Sarah Jane; Emma married J. S. Sidders, their two children being Roy and William.



## HENRY D. HODGE.

Elsewhere in this volume of biography there is set out at considerable length something of the history of the Hodge family in Champaign county and of the great farm plant created by the late Samuel M. Hodge in Union township, long operated by the senior Hodge and his sons, under the firm name of S. M. Hodge & Sons, the business now being carried on by the firm of Hodge Brothers, of which the subject of this sketch is a member.

Henry D. Hodge, member of the firm of Hodge Brothers, farmers and stockmen, of Union township, and one of the best-known residents of that township, was born in that township on February 15, 1855, son of Samuel M. and Amanda M. (Roberts) Hodges, natives of the neighboring county of Clark, the former of whom died in September, 1898, and the latter of whom is still living at her old home in Union township. It was in the spring of 1856 that Samuel M. Hodge came to Champaign county and settled in Union township. He was not only an excellent farmer, but a very capable manager and in time became the owner of a fine farm of eleven hundred acres in this county, which, after his sons grew up, he operated under the firm name of S. M. Hodge & Sons, continuing actively engaged in the management of that great farm until his death, one of the most substantial citizens of Champaign county. Samuel M. Hodge and wife were the parents of ten children, of whom seven are still living, Edgar W., Samuel E., James R., Henry D., Sarah, Agnes and Catherine; the deceased being Elizabeth, John and Francis I.

Reared on the home farm in Union township, Henry D. Hodge received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and upon growing to manhood was taken into the firm of S. M. Hodge & Sons and has ever since been actively identified with the work of the great farm, which since 1903 has been carried on under the firm name of Hodge Brothers; which firm is now operating a farm plant covering seventeen hundred acres of excellent land, producing five or six hundred acres of corn and the same acreage of small grain annually, besides five or six hundred head of sheep and hogs and several carloads of cattle. Henry D. Hodge is a Republican and was for a number of years a member of the local school board. He is a member of the Goshen Township Grange and has for years taken an earnest interest in the affairs of the same. He also gives his close attention to the general business affairs of the community and is a member of the board of directors of the Mutual Insurance Company of Mechanicsburg.

In October, 1884, Henry D. Hodge was united in marriage to Emma

G. Kennedy, daughter of Dr. George and Emma (Swain) Kennedy, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Rowland, deceased; Howard, who married Ethyle Gardner and has one child, a son, Edgar; Agnes E., who married Roy McAdams and has one child, a daughter, Mary Jane, and James D., who is unmarried and at home. The Hodges have a very pleasant home and have ever given their interested attention to the general social activities of the community in which they live.

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### HENRY S. PRESTON, M. D.

Dr. Henry S. Preston, for many years a well-known physician of Mutual, this county, now retired from active practice and devoting his attention to his general mercantile business in that village, former president of the Champaign County Medical Society, former postmaster of Mutual and former treasurer of Union township, is a native Hoosier, but has been a resident of Ohio ever since the days of his early childhood. He was born in the city of Indianapolis on February 14, 1844, son of Willard B. and Angeline Preston, natives of the state of Vermont, who were married in their native state and later, in 1838, came to Ohio, locating in Columbus, where for several years Willard B. Preston was engaged in the dry-goods business. In 1842 he moved to Indianapolis, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for several years, at the end of which time he returned to Ohio, bought a farm in the vicinity of Columbus, in Franklin county, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the first-born, the others being Adeline, Francenia, Ida, Rose, Prentice and Corrella.

Having been but a child when his parents returned from his native Indianapolis to Ohio and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Columbus, in Franklin county, Henry S. Preston grew to manhood on that farm and received his elementary schooling in the schools of Franklin county. He early turned his attention to the study of medicine and in due time entered Columbus Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1876, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Preston came to Champaign county and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Mutual, where he ever since has made his residence, for many years one of the best-known and most influential residents



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of that section of the county. Doctor Preston continued actively engaged in the practice of his profession until 1905, when he retired from practice and has since been devoting his attention to his mercantile interests in the village, he being the proprietor of a well-stocked general store there. Until his retirement from practice, Doctor Preston was an active member of the Champaign County Medical Society and had served that body as its president. He is a Republican and has ever given his earnest attention to local civic affairs, having served the public as township treasurer and for nine terms as postmaster at Mutual in the days before that thriving village lost its postoffice and became a part of rural mail route No. 5 out of Urbana. In addition to his mercantile interests the Doctor is the owner of considerable real estate in and about Mutual. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Mechanicsburg.

In 1867 Dr. H. S. Preston was united in marriage to Charity Hushower, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Catherine, wife of J. R. Todd, of Urbana; Willard, who died at the age of thirty-eight; Adeline, wife of Frank M. Stone, of Springfield, Ohio, and Charity, wife of Edwin A. Baker, also of Springfield. The Doctor and Mrs. Preston have a very pleasant home at Mutual and have ever taken a proper interest in the general social and cultural affairs of the village.

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### JAMES D. RAWLINGS.

James D. Rawlings, of Urbana, one of Champaign county's most successful farmers and stockmen, now living retired from the active labors of the farm, but still actively engaged in the buying and selling of live stock, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Urbana township on February 26, 1866, son of William J. W. and Elcetta (Mumpher) Rawlings, prominent residents of that part of the county, the former of whom was born in that same township and the latter, who is still living, in the state of Illinois.

William J. W. Rawlings, who died at his home in this county in 1896 and a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, was born on a farm on Pretty Prairie on April 29, 1830, son of James and Susanna (McRoberts) Rawlings, prominent pioneers of that part of the county. James Rawlings was a Kentuckian, who had come to this county

with his parents when but a child, the family settling on Pretty Prairie, and his wife was born in this county, daughter of pioneer parents. After their marriage they located on a farm on Pretty Prairie and there spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential residents of that sterling community. Of their six children, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, William J. W. Rawlings was the first-born. He grew up on the home farm on Pretty Prairie and after his marriage in the summer of 1863, he began farming for himself in that same neighborhood and became one of the most substantial farmers in that part of the county. There he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on March 29, 1898, he then being just one month under sixty-eight years of age. His widow is now living at Urbana. She was born, Elcetta Mumpher, in Macomb, Illinois, a daughter of Jacob and Ann (Wagner) Mumpher, natives of Pennsylvania, who were married in that state and in 1839 located at Macomb, Illinois, where they remained for some years, at the end of which time they came to Ohio and after a sometime residence in the neighboring county of Miami came to this county and here spent their last days. Jacob Mumpher dying on his farm on Pretty Prairie in the seventy-fourth year of his age. His widow afterward moved to Urbana, where she died at the age of eighty-three. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Rawlings was the second in order of birth. To William J. W. and Elcetta (Mumpher) Rawlings six children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth and all of whom are still living, further mention of them being made elsewhere in this volume.

Reared on the home farm in Urbana township, James D. Rawlings received his schooling in the schools of that township and remained at home, a valued assistant in the labors of improving and developing the home place, until after his marriage, when he established a home of his own in that same township and there became a successful farmer and stockman. Mr. Rawlings not only is a progressive and up-to-date farmer, but he has done very well in his live stock operations, having long given particular attention to the raising of Percheron horses and Hereford cattle. As he prospered in his farming operations he added to his land holdings until he now is the owner of two fine farms in this county, one of two hundred acres and another of one hundred and twenty-seven acres, and is also the owner of a seven-hundred-and-sixty acre ranch in Kansas. In 1905 Mr. Rawlings moved from the farm to Urbana, in order that he might there give closer personal attention to his extensive live stock interests and has since made his home



there, being actively engaged in the buying and shipping of live stock, one of the best-known and most successful stockmen in this part of the state. He continues, however, to manage his farms and has brought the same up to a high state of cultivation.

On December 25, 1889, James D. Rawlings was united in marriage to Ida Willoughby, daughter of James and Mary (Maxwell) Willoughby, of this county, and to this union four children have been born, Marie, Christine, Eloise and William, the former of whom married Dr. Arthur C. Bible, of Urbana, and has one child, a daughter, Marie Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings have a very pleasant home at Urbana and have ever given proper attention to the general social activities of the community, helpful in all good works. Mr. Rawlings is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office and has not held office.

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#### EDGAR W. HODGE.

Edgar W. Hodge, of Union township, former president of the board of county commissioners of Champaign county and for twenty years a member of the board of education of Union township, who is the senior member of the firm of Hodge Brothers, farmers and stockmen and proprietors of perhaps the most extensive farm plant in Champaign county, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born in Union township on October 30, 1856, son of Samuel M. and Amanda M. (Roberts) Hodge, both of whom were born in the neighboring county of Clarke, members of old families there, who were married in that county and afterward came up into Champaign county, settling in Union township, where they established their home. There they were accounted among the most useful and influential residents of that community. Samuel M. Hodge was a son of James H. and Elizabeth (Sailor) Hodge, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia, who were substantial pioneer residents of Clarke county. James H. Hodge was a son of Andrew and Isabelle (Mateer) Hodge, who were among the early settlers of that county. Andrew Hodge, when but a boy, joined his brother, Hamilton, in Kentucky and remained there until 1808, when he came up into Ohio and entered a haf section of land in Pleasant township, Clark county, a part of which land is still in the possession of the Hodge family. He died there in 1857.

at the age of eighty-six years. Andrew Hodge served as a soldier during the war of 1812. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian church. He was twice married, and by his first wife was the father of six children: William, John, Samuel, James H., Sarah A. and Jane M. His second wife was Jane McClintic, who came from Virginia to this state. That marriage was without issue. James H. Hodge grew to manhood in Clark county and there spent all his life, becoming an extensive farmer and stock raiser. He died on September 23, 1878, and his widow survived him about five years, her death occurring on August 10, 1883. They were the parents of six children, Samuel M., John H., James M., Sarah Jane and two who died in infancy.

Samuel M. Hodge was reared a farmer, and, upon coming to this county in April, 1856, engaged here in farming. In 1860 he bought a tract of one hundred and fifty acres in Union township and from the very beginning of his operations there, made a success of the same, gradually enlarging his land holdings until he was the owner of eleven hundred acres of excellent land and one of the best-improved farm plants in the county. As his sons grew up and became actively identified with the operations of the farm, he took them into partnership and thereafter the business was carried on under the firm name of S. M. Hodge & Sons, and continued so for some time after the death of the head of the firm, which occurred in September, 1898. The widow of Samuel M. Hodge is now making her home with the family of her fourth son, James R. Hodge. She and her husband were the parents of ten children, of whom seven are still living: Edgar W., Samuel E., James R., H. Douglas; Sarah, wife of E. C. Price, of Springfield, this state; Agnes, wife of W. H. Chaney, of Mechanicsburg; and Catherine, unmarried, who is making her home with her mother. The deceased are: Elizabeth, who died in 1869; John, who died in 1878, and Francis I., who died on July 13, 1903. Samuel M. Hodge was a Republican and served for some time as township trustee and as a member of the school board.

Reared on the home farm in Union township, Edgar W. Hodge received his elementary education in the local schools of that neighborhood and early became actively associated with his father in the management of the large home farm. In due time the farming operations came to be directed under the firm name of S. M. Hodge & Sons and this arrangement continued, even after the death of the head of the firm, until 1903, when the firm name was changed to that of Hodge Brothers and has so continued to this day, the members of this firm being Edgar W., Harry D. and James R. Hodge. The farm plant of the Hodge Brothers is about the most extensive concern of its

kind in the county, now comprising seventeen hundred acres of land, which is being cultivated in accordance with the latest methods approved in modern agriculture. Edgar W. Hodge has for years given his earnest attention to local civic affairs and has done much to advance the interests of good government in the community in which he lives. For three years he served as trustee of Union township, for six years he served as a member of the board of county commissioners from his district, two years of which period he was president of the board, and for twenty years served as a member of the board of education for Union township. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Mechanicsburg and is also affiliated with the Masonic lodge at that place, having taken the Fellowcraft degree.

Edgar W. Hodge has been thrice married. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Lucy A. Guy, daughter of Edwin A. and Adelaide (McMullen) Guy, and to that union two children were born, William Guy Hodge, who assists his father, and Helen May Hodge, who married Nathan E. Bumgardner and is living at Springfield, this state. The mother of these children died in 1901 and Mr. Hodge later married Sarah L. Horr, daughter of Pierce and Laura E. (Baxter) Horr, and to that union one child was born, a son, John Horr Hodge. Mrs. Sarah L. Hodge died on July 31, 1910, and on October 30, 1913, Mr. Hodge married Lillian R. State, who was born at Springfield, this state, daughter of John and Harriet (Watkins) State, and who for twenty-three years before her marriage had been engaged in teaching school at Springfield. John State was a mechanic at Springfield, and his wife, Harriet Watkins, whom he married in 1851, was born in Champaign county in 1832, a daughter of Richard and Catherine (Hedges) Watkins, pioneers of this section of the state. Richard Watkins was born at Annapolis, Maryland, and was a soldier of the War of 1812, who answered the call of the governor of Virginia when the British attacked Washington and who served at Baltimore when the British threatened that city. He later came to Ohio and in 1831, at Springfield, married Catherine Hedges, who had become a resident of that city the year before, having come over from Virginia in 1830. Richard Watkins and his wife had seven children, all of whom died in youth, save Mrs. State and one son, Richard Thomas Watkins, the latter of whom died at New Orleans, of yellow fever, October 27, 1858, he then being twenty-two years of age. To John State and wife six children were born. Of these Mrs. Hodge was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Ralph E., of Chicago; Fred, who died at his home in Dayton, this state, in August, 1904; Isabelle, who resided

with her mother; Will C., who is living at Akron, and Eugene J., of East Liverpool, this state. Fred State married Mamie Wiley, of Loudoun county, Virginia, and was the father of four children.

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### JOSEPH CALLAND.

Joseph Calland, a substantial and progressive farmer, who has lived in this county for more than seventy years, and who farms in Harrison township, was born in Adams township on September 21, 1846. He is the son of William and Elnore (Robinson) Calland, the former of whom was born in Adams township, Champaign county.

William Calland, grandfather of Joseph Calland, was born in Scotland, in which country he was married and there one of his children was born. Some years after his marriage he emigrated to the United States and on reaching this country he came along to Ohio, and subsequently settled in Adams township, Champaign county. Here the remainder of his children was born, four boys and five girls, as follow: Agnes, Lizzie, Mary, Susan, Sarah, William, Joseph, Samuel and Gresham. He was one of the pioneer farmers of this county and was generally regarded as an industrious and painstaking agriculturist, his early acquired habits of Scotch thrift being no small factor in his success.

William Calland, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Adams township, this county, and attended the early schools of the district in which he lived. He helped his father in the work of the farm, later securing land on his own account, which he worked to considerable advantage. He was married to Elnore Robinson and they became the parents of four children, two of whom are living in 1917, Joseph, the subject of this sketch, and William, a retired farmer, of Bellefontaine, Ohio. William Calland, like his father, was an industrious farmer and he and his wife were justly regarded as worthy citizens of the township and county.

Joseph Calland left Adams township and came to Harrison township at the age of twelve years. He attended the district schools of both townships and attained a fair degree of education for those early days. He worked on his father's farm up to the time of his marriage. On November 9, 1872, he was united in marriage to Sarah I. Wilson, who was born in Harrison township, this county, and died in 1892. They were the parents of four children, namely: William, who married May Couchman and they

are the parents of four sons; Nellie, wife of Fred Johnson, of Harrison township, and who has two children, Robert C. and Sarah Isabelle; Miles N., who married Edith Couchman and lives in Harrison township and has three children, Gilbert, Joseph and Donald, and one child that died in infancy.

Mr. Calland is the owner of over four hundred acres of prime land in Harrison township, all of which he has acquired by his own energy and perseverance, and where he is engaged in general farming, success attending all his efforts. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is one of the deacons in the church. He was formerly a consistent supporter of the Republican party and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln for President, but in 1896 changed his political views and became a stanch Democrat and has remained with that party ever since. He has furnished oxen for barbecues, first in 1896 and on four occasions since. He served as trustee of Harrison township for some years. He is a member of the Helmet Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, and has ever been warmly interested in the affairs of that fraternal organization.

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### MAURICE E. HINTON.

Maurice E. Hinton, one of the well-known and substantial farmers of Champaign county and the owner of a fine farm of nearly two hundred acres in the neighborhood of Woodstock, is a native of the great Keystone state, but has been a resident of Champaign county since the days of his early childhood, having come here with his parents from Pennsylvania in 1861. He was born on a farm in Berks county, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1858, son and only child of Owen B. and Mary S. (Finger) Hinton, the former of whom was born at Morgantown, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1835, and the latter, in Chester county, same state, July 11, 1835. Owen B. Hinton was a son of John and Sarah Hinton. He was married in his native state and remained there until 1861, when he came to Ohio and settled in Champaign county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential residents of the Woodstock neighborhood. Mrs. Hinton died on February 8, 1907, and Owen B. Hinton survived until September 3, 1915, he then being past eighty years of age.

Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Woodstock, Maurice E. Hinton has always been a farmer and has done well in that vocation, his

farm plant on his well-kept place of one hundred and ninety-six acres in Rush township being one of the most up-to-date in its general equipment of any in that part of the county. Mr. Hinton has for years given close attention to the general agricultural affairs of Champaign county, long a member of the subordinate grange in his community and of the county grange, and is now master of the county grange. Politically, he is affiliated with the Republican party, but has not been a seeker after public office. In the general business affairs of his home community he takes an active interest and is a stockholder in the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg.

On October 31, 1879, Maurice E. Hinton was united in marriage to Mella F. Middleton, who was born in this county, May 13, 1861, daughter of William and Estavilla Middleton, who were the parents of eleven children, those besides Mrs. Hinton living at this time being Cyrus, Rachel and Tilla. To Mr. and Mrs. Hinton seven children have been born, namely: <sup>1</sup>Warren Brooks, who married Maud Bay and died in 1902; <sup>2</sup>Grace, who married Harry Borst, of Woodstock, and has four children; <sup>3</sup>Glen, now living near Mechanicsburg, who married Bertha Douglas and has three children; <sup>4</sup>Kate, who married Levi Keeran, of Cable, and has three children; <sup>5</sup>Mabel, wife of Dell Rutan, of Mechanicsburg; <sup>6</sup>Ross, of Woodstock, who married Ethel Darrow, and <sup>7</sup>Homer, who died on September 9, 1915. The Hintons are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have ever taken a proper interest in the various beneficences of the same. They have a very pleasant home and have always taken an interested part in the general social activities and good works of their home community.

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### GRANT BURNHAM.

Grant Burnham, a well-known and progressive farmer of Goshen township, this county, was born on the farm on which he is now living, on the Mechanicsburg and Woodstock pike, three miles north of Mechanicsburg, on rural mail route No. 1 out of Woodstock, and has lived there practically all his life, with the exception of a few years immediately following his marriage, when he made his home in Union county. He was born on September 30, 1864, son of Andrew and Virginia E. (Crawford) Burnham, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the former in the neighboring county of Union and the latter in the village of Woodstock, this county.

Andrew Burnham, a son of Eliphas Burnham and wife, pioneers of



Union county, was reared in that county and married Virginia E. Crawford, who was born at Woodstock, this county, a daughter of Dr. J. R. Crawford, for years one of Champaign county's best-known physicians. After his marriage he settled on the farm now owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch, in Goshen township, and there established his home, becoming the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres and long recognized as one of the leading farmers of that neighborhood. Andrew Burnham was twice married. Mrs. Virginia Burnham died on the home farm, leaving three children, who are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, T. E. Burnham, of Mechanicsburg, and Lincoln Burnham, of Urbana. Afterward Andrew Burnham married Nancy M. Amy, who died in August, 1907, and to that union one child was born, a daughter, Lydia A., wife of J. P. Bennett, of Columbus, Ohio. Andrew Burnham was a Republican and ever took an interested part in local political affairs. He died while on a visit at Dayton, this state.

Grant Burnham was reared on the home farm, where he is now living, and completed his schooling in the high school at Mechanicsburg. Upon leaving school he continued his labors on the home farm and after his marriage in 1896 made his home for a year in Union county. He then moved to the Kimball farm in Goshen township, this county, and there continued to reside until in 1906, when he moved back to the old home farm in that same township, where he has since resided and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. Burnham is doing well in his farming operations and is also giving considerable attention to the raising of live stock, having a fine herd of pure-bred Guernsey cattle. He owns one hundred and six acres and has an excellent farm plant. Mr. Burnham is a Republican, but is not particularly active in political affairs.

On October 14, 1896, Grant Burnham was united in marriage to Maud C. Child, who was born in the neighboring county of Union on January 3, 1867, daughter of Simeon B. and Susanna (Michael) Child, the former a native of the state of Vermont and the latter of Pennsylvania. Simeon B. Child was but a small boy when he came with his parents from Vermont to Ohio, the family settling in Greene county, where he grew to manhood, the family later moving to Union county, where he met and married Susanna Michael, who had come to Ohio as a girl with her parents from Pennsylvania. After his marriage Simeon B. Child established his home on a farm in Union county and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of five children, Carrie and Kate, who died in youth; Arthur, who is now living at Milford Center; Maud, wife of Mr. Burnham, and

Lottie, wife of L. C. Burnham. Mrs. Child was a member of the Methodist church and Mr. Child's belief was in the Seventh-Day Adventists church, though he attended the Methodist Episcopal church. During the last year of the Civil War he had served as a soldier of the Union, member of an Ohio regiment, and was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Milford Center. He also was a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham have two daughters, Mildred E., born on July 29, 1900, who was graduated from the Mechanicsburg high school with the class of 1917, and Dorothy C., May 13, 1905. The Burnhams lean to the Universalist faith in their religious belief. They have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of their home community. Mr. Burnham is a member of Woodstock Lodge No. 167, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past noble grand of the same.

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### JOHN W. EVILSIZOR.

One of the best-known and leading farmers of Champaign county is John W. Evilsizor, living in his beautiful home on "Spring Run Farm," a place consisting of one hundred and sixty-five and a quarter acres of fine farming land located two miles north of Terre Haute, in Mad River township on rural route No. 4 out of Urbana, Ohio. Mr. Evilsizor was born in this county, December 31, 1865, and is a son of William and Julia Ann (Lee) Evilsizor, both of whom were also natives of Champaign county, Ohio.

William Evilsizor was born on a farm in Mad River township, this county, September 9, 1837, and died on July 20, 1895. He was a son of William Evilsizor, Sr., who was born in Kanawa county, Virginia, June 8, 1808, and died on July 25, 1892. William Evilsizor, Sr., came as a lad of six years with his parents to Ohio in 1814, where he was reared to manhood. He was twice married, his first wife being Nancy Jenkins, to whom he was married in 1829, and to this union thirteen children were born. The mother of these children died, and he again married Frances Jane Allison, and to this second union seven children were born. He was of the Baptist faith, and always took an active part in the affairs of the church. William Evilsizor, Jr., married Julia Ann Lee, who was born in Champaign county, the daughter of William Lee, who accompanied his parents to this county from

Virginia when an infant, the Lee family being among the pioneers of this county. William Evilsizor, Jr., and wife were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are now living: Laura A., wife of George Shaffer, a farmer of Mad River township; John W., of this sketch; Emory T., a resident of Mad River township; Marley E., living on the old home place; Verna A., of Mad River township, and Oran W., a farmer living in Jackson township, this county.

John W. Evilsizor was reared on his father's farm in Mad River township, receiving his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood, and lived at home until his marriage, when he started farming for himself on the place where he is now living, but in a different house, where he lived four years. He then moved to Clarke county, Ohio, where he rented land for three years, after which he lived on a farm on the Valley pike in Mad River township for three years. In 1900 he purchased his present farm, where he has since lived, and here he is very successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of the breeding and raising of blooded live stock, such as Jersey cattle, Percheron horses and Duroc hogs. That he has made a success in his chosen calling is evidenced by the fact that he has one of the most attractive farm homes and well-equipped farms in the county. His buildings are all new and modern and beautiful in appearance, all being painted white. He has a modern and convenient home of eight rooms, a large barn seventy-six by forty-five feet in dimensions, and both house and barn are well-lighted by an acetylene gas plant. His farm is well-equipped, naturally for live stock, having natural spring water running through it; this, with the modern and scientific system with which Mr. Evilsizor operates, makes his farm one of the best in the county.

On September 12, 1888, John W. Evilsizor was united in marriage to Amanda Gentis, the daughter of Daniel and Clarissa (Netchman) Gentis, and to this union seven children have been born, four of whom are living: Alpha, a farmer of German township, Clarke county, Ohio, who married Nellie H. Foster; Edith, the wife of Alpha C. Faulkner, a farmer living west of Westville, in Mad River township; Ethel, at home, and Ada, now in her second year in the high school at Terre Haute, Ohio. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while Mr. Evilsizor is of the Baptist faith, being one of the trustees of the Harmony Baptist church at Terre Haute, Ohio.

Mrs. Evilsizor was born on a farm in Mad River township, January 18, 1886, a daughter of Daniel and Clarissa (Netchman) Gentis, the former being

a native of Clark county, Ohio, and the latter of Champaign county. They were the parents of eight children, the six who are living are: Frank, a farmer living in Jackson township; Tully, of Terre Haute, Ohio; Justin, also a resident of Terre Haute; Clifford, a farmer living on the Valley pike in Mad River township; Ernest, of Thackery, this county, and Amanda, the wife of John W. Evilsizor, the subject of this review.

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### THE WEST FAMILY.

One of the oldest families in Champaign county is the West family, which is of English descent and has been represented in this county since the year 1802, three years before the organization of the county. One member of the family, in this generation, Miss Jennie West, still occupies the old West homestead in Jackson township, living in the same house in which she was born seventy-seven years ago, and which was built by her father, Stockett West.

Basil West, a native of Maryland, was born on April 10, 1745, and he and his three brothers served as patriots in the Revolutionary War. He was a slaveholder, and with his wife lived successively in Maryland, Georgia, the Carolinas and Kentucky, finally crossing into Ohio in 1802, where he took a land claim one-half mile south of Westville. He later moved to Jackson township, building a log cabin home just north of what is now known as Bollinger's fish-pond. Basil and his wife, who was a Stockett of Virginia, were the parents of seven children: Stockett, John, Mary, Jeremiah, Basil, Damaris and Phoebe. These young people all were married in Ohio, but the pioneering spirit of their parents was strong within them and, with the exception of Stockett, they went farther west to establish new homes. John, who married Azubah Wilson, settled in Warren county, Indiana, and was the father of eleven children, the eldest of whom, George, was a captain in the Civil War.

Jeremiah West, who married Matilda Wilson of Miami county, also settled in Indiana, becoming a very prosperous farmer near Crawfordsville, and later a merchant in that city. He reared a family of four children, who in turn felt the call to go west, and at the present day Judge Jere West, of the Montgomery county circuit court, is the only descendant left in Crawfordsville, his six brothers and sisters all living in the state of Washington. Letitia West Lee, the only daughter of Jeremiah, is living in Oregon, hav-

ing passed her eighty-fifth year. Her two daughters married brothers, Maurice and Will Thompson, authors and poets, who came North after the Civil War. Maurice Thompson, in his book, "Alice of Old Vincennes," named the heroine for his wife.

Basil West's daughters, Mary and Damaris, married brothers, Isaac and John Brier. Isaac owned and lived on the Jackson township farm now owned by Charles Slack, but later moved with his family to what was then known as Grande Prairie in Indiana. His grandson lives there today on the old Brier homestead.

Basil West, Jr., married Lillian Noe, who soon died. He then married Rachel Pond and they, too, lived in Indiana for a few years; later going to Washington, then to California. They were the parents of eleven children whose descendants are scattered through many of the Western states.

Stockett West, the eldest son of Basil West, Sr., was born in Maryland, April 20, 1790. He first came into Ohio with his uncle, Adamson Cowhick, who erected a small pole cabin at Big Spring on Honey creek. A little later Stockett West entered a tract of land in the southwestern part of Champaign county, where he lived for several years, clearing and improving the land, and becoming one of the most influential factors in the early development of that section of the county. He sold this land to Mr. Fields, and in 1826 entered another tract nearby, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, creating from the woodland wilderness a home which was and has continued to be one of the famous centers of hospitality in the county. Basil West and his wife passed their last years on this place with their son, Stockett, and finally were laid to rest in the old Honey Creek cemetery.

Stockett West was a tall, strongly-built man; he was raised a farmer but was a good blacksmith and carpenter; he could spin and weave with great skill. The old home which he built shows many marks of his skill in wood-working. He was a Whig and took an active part in local civic affairs, serving his township as treasurer and trustee. He was a great reader of the Bible and both he and his wife were identified with the Honey Creek Baptist church. While Stockett, John, Basil West were dyed-in-the-wool Baptists, their brother, Jeremiah, and many of their close friends were just as staunch Universalists. William and Wallace McCrea, Van Cox, Joseph Woods, Henry Merritt, Sam Bright, Rev. Thomas Price and Rev. David Scott frequented this home, and many heated religious discussions arose among these intimate friends.

On May 30, 1816, Stockett West married Elizabeth Merritt, who was

born in Virginia, July 13, 1792, a daughter of John and Margaret Merritt. The Merritts were Virginians of German descent, coming to Champaign county in 1813, where John entered nine quarter-sections of land, which he afterward divided among his eight children, giving each child a quarter section and keeping one for himself. Elizabeth was a splendid woman, and was familiarly known as "Aunt Betty" by the many friends who loved her for her kindliness. Stockett West died on July 4, 1852, and his wife lived until October 2, 1876.

To Stockett and Elizabeth West were born nine children: John, William, David, Sarah, James, Henry, Jeremiah, Mary, and Jane. Five of these died in their early twenties. William, Henry and Jerry lived long, useful lives, each being well past eighty years of age at the time of his death. Jennie, the youngest of all, and the sole survivor, owns and occupies the old homestead. She is a very capable woman and a most charming hostess. For many years she has managed her farm, and has had great success in the breeding of fine Jersey cattle.

Henry West, who never married, always lived at the old home with Jennie, and was a most devoted companion. He was a well-read man, and an interesting talker on many subjects. He was a Civil War veteran. His death occurred on June 14, 1913.

Jerry West, who married Harriet Simpson, of Madison county, lived on a farm adjoining the home place. He was a very kind, good man. Besides his work as a successful farmer, he spent a great deal of time in the study and growing of fine fruits. Jerry died on April 21, 1912; his widow died on January 26, 1917. They were the parents of two sons, John Simpson West and James Clyde West. John S. West was educated at Ohio Normal University at Ada and for several years was employed by the Erie Railroad Company. Later on he and Clyde West took up scientific farming on their father's farm. Both were exceptionally fine young men, but unfortunately passed away in their early manhood. Clyde died on March 21, 1907, aged twenty-four. John died on October 22, 1911, aged thirty-four. Both were married but left no children.

William West, the second son, of Stockett West was born on July 13, 1818, and lived on the old homestead until his marriage to Hester Cowden Grafton, February 3, 1848. His wife also was born in Jackson township, on November 22, 1822, a daughter of Ambrose and Elizabeth Kelley Grafton, the fourth of a family of thirteen children. Her grandparents, Thomas and Hester Cowden Grafton, were sturdy pioneers who came from Virginia to this section among the earliest settlers.



Throughout his long life, William West was a farmer. Purchasing a farm one mile east of his father's place at the time of his marriage, he and his wife established their home and commenced their life work of making it an ideal farm, which work was later carried on by their sons. William West was a strong, active man; a substantial farmer and stockman; a man of influence in his community; a Republican in his political affiliation. He was at one time a member of the Honey Creek Baptist church. His wife was a life-long member of the Grafton Methodist church, of which her grandfather was a founder in an early day.

Three sons were born to William West and wife: John, who died in early childhood; George Washington and Henry Clay. William West died on April 28, 1900. His widow survived until July 3, 1905, living at the old home with their youngest son, Henry, who spent his entire life on the farm and helped bring it up to the high standard in which it was kept. He was born on July 17, 1857, and died on October 20, 1907.

George W. West was born on the home farm of his parents, January 16, 1855, and there grew to manhood, receiving his education in the schools of that neighborhood. Following in the footsteps of his father, he became a practical farmer. After his marriage, he built a house on the "lower eighty" of the home farm and there he and his wife established a beautiful home, where they spent the remainder of their lives, carrying on in their own home the hospitality for which the West homes have ever been noted. George West was an excellent farmer and took much pride in bringing and keeping his land up to a high degree of cultivation, developing one of the best-kept farm plants in Champaign county. He was an ardent Republican and took a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, having served his township in the capacity of treasurer and as a member of the school board.

On October 17, 1878, George W. West was united in marriage to Ellen Breslin, daughter of James and Bridget (Murphy) Breslin. The Breslins were natives of Ireland, both born in County Mayo, who came to this country in their youth. Ellen was the eldest of eleven children and was born in St. Paris, Ohio, March 21, 1856. She was a beautiful girl, a sweet and gracious woman, greatly loved for her unselfishness and thoughtfulness for others. She died on March 5, 1916, and her husband survived her but little more than a month, his death occurring on April 13, of the same year.

George W. and Ellen (Breslin) West were the parents of two daughters, Mabel and Blanche. Mabel Hester West, who was born on August 6, 1879, was educated in the common schools and in the Ohio Normal Uni-

versity at Ada. She married Sherman S. Deaton, a biographical sketch of whom appears in this edition. Blanche West, who was born on January 22, 1885, was graduated from the St. Paris and Urbana schools and later became a teacher in the St. Paris schools. On December 25, 1909, she was married to Edward Griswold Johnston, a civil engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Johnston's headquarters are at Pittsburgh, and he and his family reside in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one son, Robert West Johnston, born on July 22, 1913.

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### LELAND C. FUDGER.

Leland C. Fudger, one of the progressive young farmers of Goshen township, this county, was born on the place on which he is now living, on the Woodstock pike, three miles north of Mechanicsburg, and has lived there all his life. He was born on May 20, 1888, son and only child of Alanson P. and Lucy (Donley) Fudger, the latter of whom is still living at Mechanicsburg.

The late Alanson P. Fudger was born on what is now the H. M. Fudger farm in Goshen township and spent all his life in that township, a well-known and substantial farmer and influential citizen. The Fudgers are an old family in Champaign county and further and fitting mention of the family is made elsewhere in this volume. Alanson P. Fudger was an active and influential Republican, for years one of the leaders of that party in this county, served for some time as a member of the county Republican central committee, and also as county commissioner for four years. He also took an earnest interest in the general agricultural affairs of the county and for some years was a member of the county fair board. He was a Royal Arch and York Rite Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge and the chapter at Mechanicsburg and with the commandery at Urbana, and took an active interest in Masonic affairs. By religious persuasion he was a Universalist, and took a proper part in the affairs of the church. His widow is a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Mechanicsburg. She is a daughter of William W. and Mary E. (Redd) Donley, natives of Virginia, the former born at Winchester and the latter at Newton, both members of slave-owning families. They were married in that state in 1846 and later came to Ohio, locating at Lebanon, where William W. Donley engaged in the retail meat business, later coming to Champaign county



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and locating at Westville, from which place they presently moved to Mechanicsburg, where the rest of their lives were spent, Mr. Donley conducting a hotel there until the time of his retirement from business. During the Civil War, William W. Donley served for four years as a soldier of the Union, having enlisted at Lebanon as a member of Company B, Seventy-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war. He died in 1883. His widow survived him for more than ten years, her death occurring on May 10, 1895, she then being sixty-six years of age. Mr. Donley was a member of the Universalist church and his wife was a Baptist. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom grew to maturity, those besides Mrs. Fudger being Sarah (deceased), Edgar, Frank and Elmer.

Leland C. Fudger was reared on the farm on which he is now living, a fine place of two hundred and seventy acres, and from the days of his boyhood was a valuable factor in the labors of developing and improving the place. On February 24, 1916, he was united in marriage to Mary Dorsey, who was also born in this county, a daughter of Michael Dorsey and wife, the latter of whom was a Lawless, and after his marriage established his home on the home place and has continued to operate the same, carrying on his farming operations in accordance with modern principles of agriculture. Mr. Fudger has a well-improved farm plant and is doing well. Politically, he is a Republican, inheriting from his late father a deep belief in the basic principles of that party and is an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of the same, being recognized as one of the most active and influential young Republicans in that part of the county. His wife is a member of St. Michael's Catholic church at Mechanicsburg and takes an earnest interest in parish affairs.

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### ISAAC N. ANDERSON.

Isaac N. Anderson, one of Urbana township's best-known farmers, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Mad River township on August 28, 1850, son of Joseph and Louisa (Steinbarger) Anderson, the former of whom was born on that same farm, but whose last days were spent at Tremont, this state.

Joseph Anderson was born in Mad River township, this county, a son of John and Nancy (Lower) Anderson, natives of Virginia, who were mar-



ried in their native state and then came over into Ohio, about 1816, and settled on a farm in Mad River township, this county, where they lived until their retirement from the farm and removal to Urbana, where their last days were spent. John Anderson and his wife were the parents of nine children, those besides Joseph having been James, Betsy, William, Albert, Marion, Louise, Susanna and one daughter who died in childhood. Reared on the pioneer home farm in Mad River township, Joseph Anderson established his home on a part of that farm after his marriage and there continued to reside until his removal years later to Tremont, this state, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in 1909, he then being eighty years of age. Joseph Anderson was twice married and by his first wife, Louisa Steinbarger, was the father of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Erastus, a resident of Tremont; George, a farmer of Union township, this county; Wiley, of Tremont; Jasper, who is now living in Nebraska, and Elmer, of Mechanicsburg, this county. The mother of these children died at the age of sixty-one years, and Joseph Anderson later married Mary Overhulser, who survives him and is still making her home at Tremont. To that union were born three children, Anna, Susanna and Charles, the two former of whom are deceased and the latter of whom is now living at Urbana.

Isaac N. Anderson was reared on the home farm in Mad River township and in the neighborhood schools received his schooling. After his marriage in the spring of 1876 he continued farming in his home township for twenty years or more, or until in 1900, when he bought the Busser farm of fifty acres in Urbana township, where he is now living and where he ever since has made his home. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Anderson has made many notable improvements on the same and now has a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm and one of the best farm plants in that neighborhood. In addition to his general farming Mr. Anderson gives considerable attention to stock raising and dairying and is doing very well, his farming being carried on in accordance with progressive methods with a view to getting the best possible results from a small farm intensively cultivated. Mr. Anderson is a Republican and has held some of the township offices from time to time, in that connection giving his earliest attention to the public service.

On March 5, 1876, Isaac N. Anderson was united in marriage to Ella Mitchell, who was born in the neighboring county of Clark, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Harvey Allen Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Baptist church at Urbana and take a proper



interest in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Urbana lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that popular fraternal organization.

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### JAMES R. HODGE.

James R. Hodge, of the great farming plant of Hodge Brothers, in Union township, this county, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on February 5, 1866, son of Samuel M. and Amanda M. (Roberts) Hodge, useful and influential residents of that community and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Samuel M. Hodge was born in the neighboring county of Clark, as was his wife. In April, 1856, they came up into Champaign county and settled in Union township, where in 1860 Samuel M. Hodge bought a tract of one hundred and fifty acres and entered upon the agricultural operations that presently caused him to be regarded as one of the most successful and extensive farmers in this part of the state, the owner of eleven hundred acres of land and an extensive stockman. As his sons grew to manhood Samuel M. Hodge took them into partnership with him and carried on the farming operations under the firm name of S. M. Hodge & Sons. He died in September, 1898, and in 1903 the firm name was changed to that of Hodge Brothers, the subject of this sketch being associated in business with his brothers, Edgar W. Hodge and Harry D. Hodge, the firm now operating seventeen hundred acres of land, on which there is raised annually something like four or five hundred acres of corn and the same acreage of small grain, besides five hundred head of sheep, six hundred head of hogs and several carloads of cattle. The widow of Samuel M. Hodge is now making her home with her son James, the subject of this sketch. She and her husband were the parents of ten children, of whom seven are now living, Edgar W., Samuel E., James R., Harry D., Sarah, Agnes and Catherine; the three deceased being Elizabeth, John and Francis I.

James R. Hodge was reared on the home farm in Union township and received his schooling in the Wild Rose school. He early became actively identified with his father and brothers in the management of the big farm, as a member of the firm of S. M. Hodge & Sons, and after his father's death continued with his brothers in the operation of the farm, being made man-

ager of the plant upon the change of firm name to Hodge Brothers in 1903, and since occupied that position, one of the most progressive agriculturists in this part of the state. Mr. Hodge is a Republican and takes a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office. He was a member of the county fair board for several years.

In 1906 James R. Hodge was united in marriage to Mabel Reid, daughter of James C. and Mary (Sailor) Reid, further mention of which family is made elsewhere in this volume. The Hodges have a very pleasant home in Union township, on rural mail route No. 4 out of Mechanicsburg, and take a proper interest in the community's general social activities.

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### JEAN P. PRINTZ.

One of Mad River township's best-known and most progressive farmers, living on his fine farm of two hundred acres on the Piqua and Urbana pike one-half mile east of Westville, is Jean P. Printz, who was born at Luray, Paige county, Virginia, on January 6, 1883, the son of Isaiah and Ida (Pence) Printz, both of whom were natives also of the old Dominion.

Isaiah Printz was a son of John Printz, who, in turn was a son of George Printz. The latter was aide-de-camp to Gen. George Washington in the Revolutionary War and lived long enough to be a captain in the War of 1812. The wife of Isaiah Printz was Ida Printz, her mother being Rebecca Lincoln, a first cousin of President Abraham Lincoln. Isaiah Printz and wife were both born and reared in Shenandoah county, Virginia. After their marriage they located on a farm in Paige county, Virginia. They became the parents of eight children, all of whom are now living: Estalene, the widow of Frank W. Bird, lives in Paige county, Virginia; Jean P., the immediate subject of this brief review; Anna, the wife of J. T. Campbell, of Luray, Virginia; Virginia, the wife of John Stewart, of Paige county, Virginia; Cecil, a farmer living near Monticello, Indiana; Mamie, the wife of C. L. Rhoades, of Rockbridge county, Virginia; Rexford, unmarried, a farmer near Bloomington, Illinois, and Elaine, living at home with her mother. Isaiah Printz was a prominent factor in the life of his home community during his life, being very active in the political life of the time. During the period when the Farmers Alliance and Populist parties were active in the country, he was the nominee of that faction for the state Legislature from his county, and was defeated by only one vote at the succeeding elec-





MR. AND MRS. J. P. PRINTZ.



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*Elizabeth Magnew*





tion, which fact indicates his popularity among his fellow citizens. He was active in the affairs of the Lutheran church, of which his wife is still a member.

Jean P. Printz was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Virginia, receiving his elementary education in the district schools of his home neighborhood, afterwards attending the high school and academy in Luray, Virginia. He was also a student of Washington University, Washington, D. C., for a time, but was forced to discontinue his studies at the latter institution on account of failing health. In search of health, for the next three years he traveled over the West, and in 1909 came to Champaign county, Ohio, coming direct to Westville, where he remained for a short time, after which he returned to his old home in Virginia, where he remained for one year, then came back to Champaign county, locating on his present farm. Here he is very successfully engaged in farming, making a specialty of feeding cattle for the market. He is also starting in to specialize in a line of pure-bred Belgian horses. Besides his farming interests, Mr. Printz is a stockholder in the Urbana Building and Loan Association and the Citizens National Bank of Urbana. On December 7, 1910, Mr. Printz was married to Elizabeth Magrew, daughter of Hamilton and Elizabeth (Snyder) Magrew. Mrs. Printz is a member of the Presbyterian church at Urbana and is popular among the religious and social circles of her community. She was born on November 19, 1885. Mr. Printz is a member of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, and is a past chancellor of that lodge. He is a Democrat in politics.

The Magrew family have been prominent in Champaign county for more than a hundred years. Hamilton Magrew, the father of Mrs. Printz, was born in Mad River township, on January 31, 1834. His father, Archibald, was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, in 1792, and came to Champaign county in 1810 with his parents, his father, Archibald, Sr., then entering all of section 11 in Mad River township. Since the arrival of the family in the county in 1810 they have been influential factors in every phase of the county's development. Archibald Magrew, Sr., laid out the village of Westville, the original plat of which is still in existence. He married Ruth Miller, also a native of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of five children: Archibald, John, William, Matthew and Mary. Archibald Magrew, Jr., was married on February 25, 1813, to Mary Taylor, a daughter of John Taylor, of Salem township, this county. They were the parents of ten children: Margaret, who became the wife of Amos Rupert; Mary J., who married Jacob Aulabaugh; Caroline, who married Milton

Fithian; Lemuel, who married Linda Miller; Matthew, who died in the days of his youth; Hamilton, who married Elizabeth Snyder and had three children, Luella, who married William F. Ring, an attorney, of Urbana; Cyrus H., who died at the age of fifteen years, and Elizabeth H., who married Jean P. Printz.

Daniel Snyder, father of Mrs. Hamilton Magrew, was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, and came to Champaign county in 1815 with his parents, Daniel and Barbara (Pence) Snyder, who located on a farm south of Westville, in Mad River township, and there spent the remainder of their lives, Daniel Snyder dying on February 17, 1849, at the age of sixty-four years; his widow surviving until April 14, 1866, she being seventy-eight years of age at the time of her death. They had four children, Daniel, Sarah, Susan and Elizabeth.

Daniel (Jr.) and Anna (Kiser) Snyder were the parents of fourteen children, all of whom grew to maturity and married, namely: John, who married Caroline Magrew and located in Mad River township, where both he and his wife spent their last days; Cyrus, who married Sabra Ward and was a practicing attorney at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and at Washington, D. C., and who died on May 30, 1906; Eliza Jane, who married Dr. John Noble Beach, of West Jefferson, this state, and who died in 1908; William, who married Melissa Ogden and died on the old home farm south of Westville; Minerva, who is now living in Louisiana, widow of Dr. N. B. Freeland; Elizabeth, who married Hamilton H. Magrew; Mary Ann, who married Enos Johnson and who, as well as her husband, died at Sidney, this state; Martha, whose last days were spent in Pennsylvania; David, who married Roanna Chance; Margaret, now living at West Jefferson, who has been twice married, after the death of her first husband, John Houx, having married John Roberts; Dr. Charles Snyder, of London, this state; Laura, now deceased, who was the wife of Joseph Nevin, of Dayton, this state; Balfour, who married Carrie Rainey and is now connected with the Snyder-Chaffe Candy Company of Columbus, this state, and Josephine, wife of William Foye, a druggist, of Marion, this state. Daniel Snyder took a prominent part in the general affairs of the community during the early days of the settlement of this part of the state, commanded a company of home guards during the time of the Indian trouble, was one of the organizers of the Champaign County Agricultural Society and was president of the old Westville-Dayton Turnpike Company. Hamilton Magrew was a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank of Urbana and was one of the managers of the Champaign County Agricultural Society.

He was a member of the local lodges of the Masons and of the Knights of Pythias at Westville and the lodge of the latter order at that place was named in honor of himself and his brother Lemuel. His wife, Elizabeth Magrew, is a member of the Presbyterian church at Urbana. Hamilton Magrew died on December 30, 1907.

Anna Kizer, wife of Daniel Snyder, was a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Kite) Kizer, natives of Virginia, who came up into this part of Ohio, by way of Cincinnati, and settled in Clark county. Philip Kizer became a prominent factor in the early life of that community and was for some time captain of the local company of state militia. After his death his widow moved with her children up into Champaign county and settled in Mad River township, where her last days were spent.

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### LEVI J. GOOD.

Among the pioneer families of Champaign county there are few names better known than those of the Goods and the Spains, these two families having been among the earliest settlers of that part of the county now comprised within the bounds of Wayne township. It was in 1805 that the Goods and the Spains drove through from Dinwiddie county, Virginia, to the then new state of Ohio and settled in Champaign county, which had just been established as a civic unit in that year. Both the Goods and the Spains were cultivated families and their influence in the early days of the Wayne township settlement, in which they located, was from the very beginning exerted in behalf of good citizenship, good schools and the highest measure of social culture that could be accomplished in a wilderness. Thomas Good, the pioneer, and his wife, Frances, established their home in the woods in what later came to be organized as Wayne township, settling on the tract ever since known as the old Good homestead, now occupied by their great granddaughter, Eliza Good and her brother, James Elwood Good, and there they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that community. Upon settling there Thomas Good put up a log cabin and set about the task of clearing his wilderness tract. He later built another log cabin and still later a frame house and in due time had a well-improved farm. He and his wife were Methodists and from the beginning of their residence here took an active part in the religious life of the new community, doing much to extend the same, and were helpful in the work of organizing various church bodies in that part of the county.

Among the children born to Thomas Good and his wife was Theoderick S. Good, who was born on that pioneer farm in Wayne township on January 22, 1806, not long after his parents had settled there. He grew to manhood on that place and married his neighbor, Mary G. Spain, who was born on the adjoining farm, daughter of James and Elizabeth Spain, who had accompanied the Goods over from Dinwiddie county, Virginia, in 1805 and had settled in this county, as above noted. Elsewhere in this volume there is set out at greater length something of the history of the Spain family in this county, together with an account of the descendants of the pioneer pair above mentioned. After his marriage Theoderick Good established his home on the old home place and there spent the rest of his life, a substantial and industrious farmer. Among the children born to him and his wife was Levi J. Good, the subject of this memorial sketch.

Levi J. Good was born on the old Good homestead in Wayne township on August 27, 1831, and there spent all his life, his death occurring on March 31, 1882, he then being in the fifty-first year of his age. Despite the limited facilities for schooling in the days of his youth, the log school house then being the seat of learning in that neighborhood, Levi J. Good acquired an excellent education through home help and wide reading and was a proficient Latin scholar. Reared a Democrat, he espoused the cause of the Republican party upon the organization of the same and voted for Abraham Lincoln for President in 1860, ever afterward remaining an ardent Republican and for years being regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county. He held numerous township offices and other positions of trust and responsibility in the community and did much to advance the cause of local good government in his generation. In addition to his general farming operations Mr. Good was extensively engaged in the raising of high grade live stock and was a constant and successful exhibitor at the county fairs, in the affairs of which he took an active interest and in the promotion of which he took a useful part. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, namely: Eliza, who was born on the old Good homestead and is still living there; Sale, who married Ida M. Thompson and is now a resident of Dayton, connected with the great works of the National Cash Register Company at that place; Polly Ann, who died at the age of eighteen months; James Elwood, who has always lived on the old home place and is now managing the same; Ai, who lived at home until 1903, when he moved to Urbana, where he is now engaged in the contracting business, and Ivan T., who married Esther Smith and is now living at Springfield, Ohio.

where he is connected with the mailing department of the plant of the *Fireside Magazine*.

Miss Eliza Good, who has always made her home on the old home place, which was established by her great grandfather, Thomas Good, back in 1805, the year of the erection of Champaign county, is widely known throughout the county and has hosts of warm friends hereabout. She has preserved many relics of the pioneer period of her family in Wayne township and takes an earnest interest in the general history of the pioneers of this section of the state. Among the relics of the days of the beginning of her family in this county that she has preserved is an old flint-lock musket and two flint-lock pistols that her great grandfather Spain brought out here with him from Virginia in 1805; the ancient musket having been carried back and forth between here and Virginia on twelve trips made by James Spain after he located here. Miss Good also has the pioneer's old saddlebags, besides numerous household utensils preserved since pioneer days in the Good and Spain families, all of which form a most interesting collection in these days, more than a hundred years after they had their original uses here.

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### CHARLES A. CUSHMAN.

An honored veteran of the Civil War and a substantial retired farmer of Woodstock, Champaign county, is Charles A. Cushman, who has been content to spend his life of seventy-seven years in his home community. He was born here on September 12, 1840, and is a son of Frank and Susan (Gifford) Cushman, also natives of this county, each representing old pioneer families, the Cushmans coming to Woodstock from New England in a very early day. Frank Cushman was a son of Harvey Cushman, a physician and attorney, who was also engaged in various lines of business; he was twice married. His death occurred at Piqua, Ohio. There were five children by his first wife, namely: Frank, Abigail, George, Harriet and Aurora.

Frank Cushman, father of the subject of this sketch, received a good education for his day, and when a young man took up the marble cutter's trade, also that of stone mason, and he built many of the old brick houses in and around Woodstock. He burned his own brick and made the lime he used. He was also a successful trader. He was a patent-right man, and patented a machine to cut shingles. Politically, he was a Whig, later a Republican. He was a member of the Universalist church. He and his wife



both died in Woodstock. They were parents of the following children: Julius J., who was a soldier in Company A, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at Hoover's Gap; Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Warren, a noted sculptor, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Lucy L., who married M. P. Hewett, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, and Harry, who died in infancy.

Charles A. Cushman received a limited education, attending school in the old log school house in his community. He lived at home until the breaking out of the Civil War and then enlisted April 17, 1861, among the first to volunteer in any of the states. He was a private in Company K, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. William Baldwin and Col. W. W. Wilson. His enlistment was for three months, and he took part in the first battle of Bull Run. He re-enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, one-hundred-day service, being located at Bermuda Hundred, Virginia, and served faithfully until August 4, 1864, when he was honorably discharged. His third enlistment was on February 6, 1865, in the Second Ohio Cavalry. He was sent to Philadelphia, Washington City, Alexandria, Virginia and Harper's Ferry, then back to Washington. From there he was sent with his regiment seventy miles down the Potomac river to Port Tobacco, then back to Washington, landing in that city the day following the Grand Review. He was again sent into Virginia, and on to Parkersburg, West Virginia, thence to St. Louis, Missouri, by boat, and from there home, and was finally mustered out of the service and honorably discharged in June, 1865.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Cushman located at Woodstock, this county, and there engaged in various pursuits, including that of butcher and farmer. In February, 1863, he married Julia Standish, a native of New York City and a daughter of Samuel Standish, who was a son of Miles Standish, and whose wife was a Pierce, of New York state. Mrs. Cushman was eleven years old when she came to Champaign county, with her parents in 1857. Her father was a blacksmith by trade, and an expert with edge tools. He also made many steel traps for the Indians. He and his wife spent their latter lives in Woodstock.

To Charles A. Cushman and wife thirteen children have been born, ten of whom survive at this writing, namely: Frank P., a carpenter, living in San Francisco, who served two years in the United States army and took part in the Spanish-American War; Mattie, the wife of George Standish, superintendent of the Champaign County Infirmary, and a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in these pages; J. J., a carpenter, who lives in Salt



Lake City, Utah; Josephine, the wife of Asa Owen, a farmer, and trustee of Rush township; Susan, the wife of J. S. McCarty, a farmer, of Rush township; Lucy, who married William Crawford, station agent at Woodstock; C. W., who is farming in Rush township; Jerrard, a carpenter in Salt Lake City, Utah; Arthur, who is farming near Woodstock, and Warren, who is a blacksmith in the employ of the Dayton Street Car Company, at the O'Neill car barns. Mr. Cushman is a member of Harry Davis Post No. 612, Grand Army of the Republic, at Woodstock, and has passed all the chairs in the same.

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### J. F. NEER.

J. F. Neer, one of the best-known members of the present generation of this honored old family of Champaign county, was born on the farm now owned by J. P. Neer, a mile and a half east of Heathstown, in Concord township, March 29, 1850, a son of Joseph and Margaret S. (Monroe) Neer. The father was a native of Virginia and at an early date came with his parents to this county, the family thus being among the early pioneers of Concord township, and well known here for a century. Margaret S. Monroe was born in Harrison township, this county, of which her parents were also pioneers, coming here from Pennsylvania. They were of Scottish descent.

After his marriage Joseph Neer settled on the farm in Concord township, where his son, J. F. Neer, was born and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. He was one of the successful farmers and useful citizens of his township, becoming quite well-to-do for those days, through his able management and close application. He was a Republican, and a member of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was a pillar for many years. His family consisted of twelve children, namely: Flora, now living in California, widow of J. W. Ellis; David C., who lives in Allen county, Kansas; Mrs. Tillie Oppenbacker, deceased; John, who lives in Urbana; Mrs. Mollie Neer, deceased; Nathan, who lives in Pasadena, California; Sallie, the wife of L. Clemmon; J. F., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Mary McMaster, who lives in Los Angeles, California; Samuel, who lives in Green River, Utah; James, who lives in Winfield, Kansas, and one child who died in infancy unnamed.

J. F. Neer was reared on the home farm and received a common school education. He remained with his parents until his marriage, June 26, 1881, to Lydia A. Bricker, a daughter of Isaac and Martha J. (Clark) Bricker.

Mr. Bricker was born in the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, and there he spent his boyhood. When a young man he came with his parents to Champaign county, Ohio, the trip being made overland in an old-fashioned covered wagon. He was one of nine children. The family located in Concord township and here he met and married Martha Clark, who was a native of Adams township, Champaign county, where her parents settled in pioneer days.

After his marriage J. F. Neer went to Iola, Allen county, Kansas, where they remained a year, then returned to Champaign county and located on a farm near the old home place in Concord township, buying one hundred and sixty acres, but he remained there only one year then bought the place he now occupies, and has carried on general farming and stock raising here with success. His farm is well improved and well adapted to general agricultural purposes and he raises considerable live stock. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Neer, namely: Charles F., who married Nettie Jenkins, and lives in Rosewood, this county; Samuel, who is at home, assisting his father with the work on the farm, and John P., who died when eleven years of age. Mr. Neer is a Republican. He is a member of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church.

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### GERSHAM C. WILKISON.

One of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Adams township, this county, is Gersham C. Wilkinson, who lived on his fine farm of one hundred acres located two and one-half miles northeast of Rosewood. Mr. Wilkison was born on this farm December 25, 1853, the son of Asel, Jr., and Mary (Calland) Wilkison, both of whom were also natives of this county.

Asel Wilkison, Jr., was a son of Asel and Nancy (Tipton) Wilkison, and was born on the same farm in Adams township where his son, Gersham C., now lives. Mary Calland was born and reared in Adams township, the daughter of William and Mary Calland, who came directly to Champaign county, Ohio, from Scotland, and were pioneers of this county. Asel Wilkison, Sr., was born in Virginia and came to Ohio when a young man, being the first white settler in Adams township, this county. He entered land from the government in the then unsettled wilderness, which he improved and developed, and a part of which is now the old home place, where Gersham C. Wilkison lives. Asel, Jr., was one of the two children

born to Asel and Nancy (Tipton) Wilkison, the latter of whom was a native of this state, but whose parents came in an early day to Ohio from Virginia.

The father of Nancy (Tipton) Wilkison was Thomas Tipton, who served as a soldier of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. He was born near Baltimore, Maryland, but at the outbreak of the war he resided in Fairfax county, Virginia, about seven miles from Mount Vernon. About the last of June or the first of July, 1776, he enlisted from Fairfax county. At his second enlistment he went from near Winchester, Frederick county, Virginia, and at his third from Botetourt county, Virginia; in all serving four years. He retreated with General Washington across New Jersey before King George's hireling Hessians. Later he fought under General Gates, and at the siege of Yorktown was first sergeant in Capt. John Galloway's Company, which was attached to Colonel Lewis's regiment. He was also with General Morgan in the famous battle in the "buckwheat field," where he received several bullet holes through his hat. Several times during the lulls in the campaign, he went home to see his wife and three children. Under the act of June 7, 1832, which granted pensions to Revolutionary soldiers, his application was allowed, he then being a resident of Adams township, this county, and at that time one hundred years old. He lived to reach the extraordinary age of one hundred and eleven years, nine months and nine days.

When his parents died Asel Wilkison, Jr., took charge of the home farm, after purchasing the interests of the other heirs, and here he remained the rest of his life. He married Mary Calland, who was born and reared in Adams township, and to this union four children were born. Two of these are now living: Gersham C., the immediate subject of this review, and William, who is living in Rosewood, this county.

Gersham C. Wilkison was reared on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. After reaching manhood, he went to Oakland, Illinois, near which place he farmed for four years, after which time he went to the Ozark mountains in Arkansas, where he was occupied as a sheepman for three years. Later he lived in Kansas for a year, after which he returned to Ohio, living for a time on the home farm. He then moved to Rosewood, where he lived until he returned to the old home farm, where he lives at present. While in the West, Mr. Wilkison was engaged with a harvester company at Fargo, North Dakota, for a few years.

In 1876 Gersham C. Wilkison was united in marriage to Flora Heath, daughter of Nelson and Hester (Davis) Heat, and to this union five chil-

dren have been born, namely: Pearl, deceased; Ernest S., a farmer of Shelby county, Ohio; T. B., a farmer of Adams township, this county; Bessie, wife of William Friend, a farmer of Adams township, and Ray, who is living at home. The family are earnest and consistent members of the United Brethren church, Mr. Wilkison having served for some years as steward and class leader of the local church of that denomination in Adams township. He is a Republican, takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs, and always lends his hearty support to any movement having for its object the betterment of his community.

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### JOSEPH M. ZIMMERMAN.

Joseph M. Zimmerman, a farmer, of Concord township, Champaign county, was born in Mad River township, this county, September 17, 1846. He is a son of Isaac and Eliza (Miller) Zimmerman, and a grandson of George Zimmerman, who came to the United States from Germany, locating in Pennsylvania, later coming to Ohio, and settling in Champaign county. After his marriage to Barbara Norman he settled in the Nettle Creek community, in the forest, clearing and developing a farm there by hard work. He built a crude log cabin, which later gave place to a better frame residence, and there he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of the following children: Catherine, John, George, Joseph and Isaac.

Isaac Zimmerman grew up on the home farm; in fact, spent his life there. He attended the early-day schools, which were conducted in a log cabin during the few months in winter allotted to schools in the country districts. He married Eliza Miller, and to their union the following children were born: Joseph M., the subject of this sketch; Ira, who is farming in Kansas; Isaac, who lives in Mad River township, this county; Barbara, the wife of Fred Maggert, and Jane, wife of Adam Pence.

Joseph M. Zimmerman was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools. He married Mary J. Maggert and to that union six children were born, two of whom are living in 1917, namely: Frank, who married Ida Knobs and lives on the home farm in Concord township, and Farmer, who married Oda Dovell, and lives on a farm in Concord township. In 1901 Mr. Zimmerman married, secondly, Julia Poorman, who was born in Johnson township, this county, May 21, 1853, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Nichols) Poorman. Jacob Poorman was born in Pennsylvania, from which

state he came to Ohio, where he married and settled on a farm in Johnson township, this county, living for many years on the farm now owned by W. A. Nixon. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church at St. Paris. Their daughter, Julia, grew to womanhood in her native community and received a common school education. She belongs to the Millerstown lodge of the Daughters of Pocahontas, auxiliary to the Improved Order of Red Men, and was for years very active in the work of the same, passing all the chairs. She is a member of the Lutheran church at St. Paris.

Mr. Zimmerman has devoted his life to general farming and is now owner of one of the choice farms of Concord township, consisting of two hundred and thirty acres, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He is a member of Urbana Lodge No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also the Encampment at Urbana, and both he and his wife are members of the local lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah there.

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#### OLIVER GRUBE.

Oliver Grube, farmer, of Johnson township, Champaign county, was born a mile north of St. Paris, Ohio, November 6, 1858. He is a son of Simon and Cordelia (Lewis) Grube. The father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but when a boy he came with his parents to Ohio, the family locating in Clark county, north of the village of LaGrundy, where the father devoted the rest of his life to farming. Cordelia Lewis was born in Virginia, and when a girl her parents brought her to Clark county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood and married Simon Grube. Shortly thereafter they came to Champaign county, locating on a farm in Johnson township, where they spent the rest of their lives. Their family consisted of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity, namely: Edward, who lives in Johnson township; Charles W., who lives in New Moorefield, Ohio; Oliver, the subject of this sketch; Jacob, who lives in Johnson township; Joan, the wife of Charles Davis, of Miami county, Ohio; Samuel, who lives in Johnson township, Champaign county, and Ida, the wife of Albert Wirbel, of Adams township, this county. The other two children died in early life.

Oliver Grube was reared on the home farm in Johnson township, and was educated in the district schools. He lived at home until his marriage.

May 6, 1880, to Martha Ellen Apple, a daughter of A. J. and Artie M. (Flowers) Apple. After his marriage Mr. Grube lived on the home place of his father-in-law about thirteen years, the first year both families living together, then he built a residence of his own on another part of the Apple farm. About 1893 Mr. Grube moved to Montgomery county, Ohio, where he rented a farm until 1896, then returned to the Apple farm in Champaign county, but remained there only a short time, then moved to the farm where A. J. Putnam now lives. A little later he bought a farm in Johnson township and lived there eleven years, then sold out and moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he spent seven years. He then returned to Champaign county and bought one hundred and eleven acres in Johnson township on which place he has since made his home. He has a well-kept farm and raises considerable live stock to which he feeds most of the grain the place produces.

Mr. Grube has four children, named as follow: Mrs. Bertha Jenkins, who is living at St. Paris, Champaign county; Adam, who is farming in Miami county, Ohio, and Tillie and Ora, both of whom live at home. Politically, Mr. Grube is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at St. Paris.

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### CLAUDIUS N. MITCHELL.

Claudius Newton Mitchell, a well-known landowner of Champaign county and dealer in live stock at Mechanicsburg, of which city he has been a resident since 1886, former member of the common council of that city and a member of the board of directors of the Central Bank of Mechanicsburg, is a native son of Champaign county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Goshen township on January 1, 1852, son of Chandler and Elizabeth (Hendrix) Mitchell, both now deceased, the former of whom was born on that same farm, the place now owned by the subject of this sketch, entered from the government by the latter's grandfather back in pioneer days.

Chandler Mitchell, former president of the Central Bank of Mechanicsburg and for many years one of the best-known dealers in live stock in Champaign county, was born on that pioneer farm in Goshen township on May 22, 1828, son of Claudius and Nancy (Lambert) Mitchell, who



were among the early settlers of that part of Champaign county, having come up here from Cincinnati. Claudius Mitchell was born in Vermont on January 6, 1794, and in that state grew to manhood, later coming West and settling at Cincinnati, afterward going to work in the salt works on the Ohio river. About the time of his marriage (1815) he entered a tract of four hundred and fifty acres of "Congress land" in Goshen township, this county, where he established his home, becoming a useful and influential pioneer of that community, and there he spent the rest of his life, this death occurring on May 17, 1886. Claudius Mitchell was twice married. It was on October 10, 1815, that he was united in marriage to Nancy Lambert, who was born on December 25, 1795, and to that union were born nine children, of whom Chandler Mitchell was the seventh in order of birth, the others being as follow: Sarah, who was born on March 15, 1817; Lavina, January 28, 1819; Martha Ann, May 24, 1821; Joshua, May 22, 1823; Lucy, December 13, 1825; Claudius, November 23, 1830; Nancy, October 15, 1832, and Almira, December 6, 1834. The mother of these children died on October 24, 1839, and on April 6, 1840, Claudius Mitchell married Mary A. Reed, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, August 10, 1803, and who was but three years of age when her parents came to Ohio and settled in Champaign county in 1806. To that union two children were born, John M., who died on February 26, 1847, at the age of three years, and Newton, who died on November 27, 1849, at the age of eight. Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell survived her husband a little less than two years, her death occurring on March 5, 1888.

Reared on the old home farm on which he was born, Chandler Mitchell there grew to manhood, carefully attentive to the details of farm management, and after his marriage in the spring of 1849 established his home there. His father had developed a considerable live stock industry in connection with the farm and this was enlarged by Chandler Mitchell, who for years was regarded as one of the most extensive shippers of cattle, sheep and hogs in Ohio. He also gave much attention to the general business affairs of the community, was one of the founders of the Central Bank of Mechanicsburg; was first president of the same and continued as president of that bank until his death, on September 25, 1893.

On March 29, 1849, Chandler Mitchell was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hendrix, who died on February 4, 1901. To that union were born three sons, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor, his

brother, William C., born on January 11, 1850, having died on January 7, 1861, and Charles L., born on May 22, 1861, also being deceased.

Claudius N. Mitchell was reared on the home farm, the place that was entered from the government by his grandfather and which he now owns, and early began to give careful attention to the details of farm management and the shipping of stock. Upon completing the course in the local schools he took a course in the college at Akron and later was graduated from a business college at Cincinnati. After his marriage in the fall of 1878 he established his home on the home farm and there remained until the spring of 1886, when he moved to Mechanicsburg, where he since has made his home and where for years he has been actively engaged in the live stock business, one of the best-known dealers in that line in Champaign county. Besides his live stock business and the general management of his well-kept farm Mr. Mitchell has other interests in and about Mechanicsburg and is a member of the board of directors of the Central Bank, of which his father was for years the president. He is a Republican and has ever given his close attention to local civic affairs, having served as a member of the common council of his home city and as a member of the school board.

On October 30, 1878, Claudius N. Mitchell was united in marriage to Frances E. Hunter, who was born in the city of Urbana, this county, July 16, 1857, daughter of Lewis and Rebecca (Cadden) Hunter, the former also a native of Ohio, born in Clark county, November 14, 1817, and the latter a native of Ireland, born at Castle Drumgarrow, Enniskillen, in the north of Ireland, May 10, 1827, who came to the United States in 1850 and was married in this county, she and her sister Sarah having come here in the spring of that year on a visit to their uncle, Dr. Adam Mosgrove, at Urbana. The Caddens are of Scottish descent, the first of that name to settle in the north of Ireland having been the great-great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Mitchell, a soldier, who, with six brothers, was sent into Ireland with the army of King James II during the time of the Revolution, and took a conspicuous part in the defense of Enniskillen, for gallantry of conduct being made a "freeman," or "free huntsman," with license to carry on business unrestricted in Ireland. This Cadden, who was the only one of the seven brothers who could be accounted for after the Revolution, settled on a farm place a mile out of Enniskillen and there erected a considerable stone house, which to this day retains the name of Castle Drumgarrow, which he gave it, and there his descendants

have ever since maintained residence. Rebecca Cadden was born in that castle, one of the seven children born to her parents, James and Sarah (Mosgrove) Cadden, the others being John, Jane, Robert, James, Sarah and Isabel Ann. James Cadden, father of these children, was in direct descent from the founder of Castle Drumgarrow and was a man of fine physique, six feet tall, of fine frame and handsome countenance, brown hair and brown eyes, and was a man of influence and distinction; and after his death was carried to his grave shoulder high, a mark of honor befitting his station.

To Lewis and Rebecca (Cadden) Hunter were born six children, of whom Mrs. Mitchell was the second in order of birth, the others being Sarah J., born on February 12, 1856; James A., May 16, 1859; Mary Ann, February 9, 1861; Julia B., April 18, 1863, and Rebecca M., November 18, 1866. In 1867 the Hunters left this county and went to Springfield, Missouri, later going to Baxter Springs, Kansas, but later returned to Ohio and Mrs. Mitchell's schooling was completed at Urbana, she being a graduate of the high school at that place and of the Chautauqua (New York), having been graduated from the latter in 1889.

To Claudius N. and Frances E. (Hunter) Mitchell three children have been born, James C., born on October 7, 1887, who is an assistant to his father in the latter's business affairs, and Juliet and Robert (twins), May 27, 1890, the latter of whom was graduated from the Mechanicsburg high school and Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and is now assistant cashier of the Central Bank of Mechanicsburg. Juliet Mitchell also was a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University and finished her musical education at Boston. She married Edward W. Jewell, of Cincinnati, and is now living at Norwood, Ohio. The Mitchells have a very pleasant home at Mechanicsburg and have ever taken an interested part in the general good works and social activities of that place and of the community at large. Mr. Mitchell is a York Rite Mason, a member of the local lodge at Mechanicsburg and of the commandery at Urbana, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. Mrs. Mitchell is a charter member of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and is past worthy matron of the same and deputy grand matron, for years an active figure in the state meetings of that organization. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is a charter member of the Ladies Literary Tourist Club, in the affairs of which she has taken a warm interest since the days of its organization.

## HORACE M. FUDGER.

Horace M. Fudger, a farmer, of Goshen township, proprietor of "Lake View Farm," which is pleasantly situated two and one-half miles north of Mechanicsburg, was born on the farm he now owns, August 5, 1858, and he has been content to spend his life in Champaign county. He is a son of Peter M. and Sophia (Perry) Fudger. The father was born in New Hampshire in 1816, and a year or two later his parents brought him on the long overland journey from New England to Champaign county, Ohio, the family locating in the wilderness, carving out a farm and a home by hard work and perseverance and enduring the hardships and privations of frontier life. Amid such environment Peter M. Fudger grew to manhood and in fact, spent the rest of his life, engaging successfully in general farming, dying in 1897. His wife was born in the state of New York in 1818, and when a child her parents brought her to Franklin county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood. Peter M. Fudger and Sophia Perry were married in 1853, after which they located on the farm where their son, Horace M., now resides, and they spent the rest of their lives there. He became one of the leading farmers of the county in his day, accumulating about six hundred acres of good land, on which he carried on general farming extensively. Politically, he was a Republican, but he never aspired to office. He was a Universalist and took an active interest in church affairs. He was twice married, three children being born to each union. Those by his second marriage were named as follow: A. P., who devoted his life to farming in Champaign county, which he served for several years as commissioner, is now deceased; Sarah U., the wife of Thomas Thompson, of Mechanicsburg, and Horace M., the subject of this sketch.

Horace M. Fudger was reared on the home farm, and he received his education in the common schools and high school at Mechanicsburg. He has always lived on the home farm, which he has kept well tilled and well improved. He owns two hundred and fifty acres, and has made a pronounced success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He raises a good grade of live stock, and prepares large numbers annually for the market. He is one of the stockholders in the Farmers Bank at Mechanicsburg.

Mr. Fudger was married on May 3, 1899, to Alta Van Ness, who was born in Union county, Ohio, but who came to Champaign county when young and attended high school at Mechanicsburg, from which she was graduated in 1897. To Mr. and Mrs. Fudger one child has been born, a son,

Donald M., whose birth occurred on March 18, 1900. He is now (1917) in his sophomore year in high school.

Mr. Fudger is a Republican and is at this writing incumbent of the office of township assessor. Fraternally, he belongs to Lodge No. 113, Free and Accepted Masons at Mechanicsburg, of which he is a past master, and also belongs to the local chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Mrs. Fudger is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsburg.

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### SAMUEL BARNETT.

The late Samuel Barnett, one of Champaign county's best-known and most substantial farmers, who died on January 28, 1917, was a native son of Ohio and had lived in this state all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Butler county, October 4, 1831, son of Samuel and Mary (Mitchell) Barnett, both of whom were born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and whose last days were spent in Springfield, this state.

The elder Samuel Barnett was a miller as well as a farmer and when he moved with his family from Butler county to Springfield in 1841, in order that his children might there receive the advantage of better schools, he erected a mill and engaged in the milling business, the Barnett mills soon becoming known far and wide over the state. He died at Springfield at the age of seventy-eight years and his son, William A. Barnett, for many years continued the milling industry, the business being conducted under the firm name of Warder & Barnett. The elder Samuel Barnett's wife had preceded him to the grave, her death having occurred when she was sixty-two years of age. They were earnest members of the United Presbyterian church and were long regarded as among the leaders of the congregation with which they were affiliated. They were the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and five of whom were present at a family reunion held in 1901.

The younger Samuel Barnett was nine years of age when his parents moved from Butler county to Springfield and in that city he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the public schools. Upon leaving school he was employed in his father's mill until his marriage in 1856, when he came to this county and established his home on a farm in section 34 of Union township, and there, with the exception of one year spent in Urbana (1865) and one year spent in Springfield (1866), he lived until 1909, when the family

moved to Urbana. Mr. Barnett carried on a dairy business in connection with his general farming and did very well, becoming the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Mr. Barnett and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian church at Urbana and for many years he was one of the elders of that congregation, both taking an earnest interest in church work. Mr. Barnett died at Miami, Florida, where he had gone to spend the latter part of the winter, January 28, 1917. Mrs. Barnett died on January 13, 1885.

It was on October 11, 1855, that Samuel Barnett was united in marriage to Mary Campbell, who was born in Belmont county, this state, October 26, 1831, a daughter of Jesse Campbell and wife, who became pioneers of Champaign county, and to that union were born five children, four of whom, John C., Carrie B., Mary Lillian, and Laura L., are living, and one, a daughter, Fannie, who died at the age of eight months. Miss Carrie B. Barnett was graduated from the Cook County (Illinois) Hospital Training School for Nurses at Chicago in 1893 and was for a few years superintendent of the Mitchell-Thompson Hospital at Springfield. Laura L. Barnett was married to James S. Ewing, April 19, 1912. John C. Barnett, who was born in 1856, and who for twenty-two years was editor of the *Farm and Fireside*, a semi-monthly agricultural journal of national circulation, published at Springfield, and who returned to the old home farm in 1910; married Essie Christian, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and has one child, a son, Alan Barnett, born in 1892, who is now an officer in the United States navy.

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### AMOS J. FETT.

Amos J. Fett, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Harrison township, living on his farm located on the Spring Hill pike on rural route No. 1, out of West Liberty, Ohio, was born in Union township, Logan county, Ohio, on October 3, 1880, a son of John and Nancy (Yoder) Fett, the former of whom was a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania.

John Fett remained in his native land until he reached the age of fifteen years, when in company with one of his brothers, he came to America to seek his fortune. His parents lived and died in Germany. Later another brother came to this country, these three being the only ones of the family who came to the United States. After reaching manhood, John Fett married Nancy Yoder, who was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, but who was



brought when an infant of three months to Logan county, Ohio, her parents being among the pioneer settlers of that county. John Fett and his wife lived on a farm in Union township, Logan county, until 1910, when they moved to West Liberty, Ohio, where his death occurred on October 1, 1912. They were the parents of six children, all of whom are living: Anna, wife of Jacob Kauffman, living on the old home place in Logan county; Emma, wife of J. L. Troyer, of West Liberty, Ohio; Amanda, wife of Isaac Hartzler, of Logan county, Ohio; Catherine, wife of Menno Yoder, of West Liberty, Ohio; Dora, wife of E. B. Smacker, of Orville, Wayne county, Ohio, and Amos J., the subject of this review. John Fett and wife were earnest and consistent members of the Mennonite faith.

Amos J. Fett was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Logan county, receiving his early education in the district schools of his home neighborhood, later attending the Lower Institute at West Liberty; and was also a student for a time in the Elkhart Institute, at Elkhart, Indiana. He engaged in farming and stock raising for himself after his marriage, living on his father's place until in January, 1910, when he moved to his farm of two hundred and twenty-two acres in Harrison township, where he has since lived. He has placed many improvements on this place since coming here, and has erected two silos among other additions to his farm, as he is a breeder of live stock, horses, hogs and cattle, dealing mostly in the last-named animals.

On April 10, 1909, Amos J. Fett was married to Mary E. Spiker, the daughter of John and Amanda (Smiley) Spiker, the former of whom was a native of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Wayne county, Ohio. Mrs. Fett's parents are now living in Wooster, Ohio. They also were adherents of the Mennonite faith. Besides Mrs. Fett, they were the parents of seven children, as follow: Chauncey, of Canton, Ohio; Catherine, wife of Amos Conrad, of Wayne county, Ohio; Roy, of Canton, Ohio, and Delta. Ora, Viola and Ralph, the last four of whom are still living at home with their parents. Mrs. Fett received her early education in the district school at Smithville, and later was a student at Goshen Normal School, Goshen, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Fett are the parents of three children: Mary Eleanor, born on February 10, 1910; John Crosby, June 23, 1914, and Emil Richard, August 8, 1916. Mr. Fett and his wife are active members of Spring Hill Presbyterian church, in which the former is serving as deacon.

Mr. Fett is a Republican in politics and takes a good citizen's interest

in all public affairs, especially those pertaining to the welfare of his home community. He is a member of the Masonic order, holding membership in West Liberty Lodge No. 161, Free and Accepted Masons.

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### LEWIS HINES.

Twentieth-century methods in agriculture and stock raising are followed by Lewis Hines, of Salem township, this county. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1854, a son of Christian (who spelled the name Heintz). The father was born in Germany, from which country he came to America when a young man, locating in York county, Pennsylvania, where he married Henrietta Jacobs. He was a cabinet maker by trade. He moved from the old Keystone state to Logan county, Ohio, in 1856, but after remaining there only six months came on to Champaign county, locating at Spring Hill, working at his trade until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he proved his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting for service in the Union army. He died while at the front and was buried there. His widow later married Henry Newfarmer and they established their home in Logan county, Ohio. They were all members of the Dunkard church. Seven children were born to Christian and Henrietta (Jacobs) Heintz, namely: John, who was killed on a railroad in Chicago when a young man; the second child died in infancy; Frank died when twenty-one years old; Lewis, the subject of this sketch; Dan, who died in 1891; Christian, who died in 1911, and Thomas, who is farming in Logan county, Ohio. Five children were born to Henry Newfarmer and wife, namely: Effie, who lives in Ada, Ohio; Edward, who makes his home in Logan county, this state; Walter, who moved to Kansas and died there; and the two youngest children, who died in infancy.

Lewis Hines received only a limited education in the common schools, for when only fifteen years of age he began making his own living by hiring out as a farm hand, continuing thus until he was married, in 1874, to Hannah A. Hunt, who was born in Adams township, this county, a daughter of Isaac and Emeline Hunt, who lived on a farm in Adams township for many years. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hines, namely: Chase, who is farming in Logan county and who married Purdy Cookston; Charles, who engaged in farming and married Anna Swisher, died in 1907; William Clarence, at home; Ernest, who is engaged in farming in Champaign county, married Marie Harner; Isaac Forrest, who attended a business col-

lege in Urbana, is working as stenographer for a milling company at Mansfield, Ohio; Lettie Pearl, who lives at home; Raymond, who is now serving in the United States navy; and Ethel Marie, at home, and who is now (1917) attending high school at King's Creek. These children have all received good practical education in the home schools.

After his marriage Mr. Hines located on a farm in Harrison township, where he lived for five years, then moved to Rush township, this county, where he lived four years; then farmed again in Harrison township for eight years, and in January, 1913, bought his present farm of one hundred and eighteen acres in Salem township, known as the S. B. Thomas farm, on which he has made many improvements. He carries on general farming and raises horses, cattle and hogs.

Mr. Hines votes the Republican ticket and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at King's Creek.

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#### LEMUEL W. MAGREW.

Lemuel W. Magrew is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Champaign county. The Magrew family has been identified with the growth and development of the county from the earliest times and no history of the county would be complete without some mention of the name, and some credit given for the work in which the Magrew family had so large a part.

The grandparents of our subject, Archibald and Mary Magrew, were among the first settlers of Mad River township, coming to this county from Pennsylvania, the state in which Archibald's father was born and where he lived and died. Archibald and Mary Magrew were a worthy couple and commanded the highest respect and esteem of the community in which they spent their lives. They settled east of Westville, where they made their home and reared several children, one of whom is the father of the subject of this sketch. He has always been in the agricultural and stock business and an energetic business man. He removed to Delaware, Ohio, for the purpose of educating his children. He was wedded to Zelinda Miller, of Union county, Ohio, in 1854, and to this union six children were born, five of whom are living, namely: Archie M., Lemuel W., Mary, Minnie and Clara. Archie married Eva Pence, May 20, 1880; Lemuel married Mary Harwood, September 26, 1877.

Lemuel W. Magrew was born in Mad River township, July 27, 1857.

a son of Lemuel and Zelinda (Miller) Magrew. He was reared on the farm and was educated in the district schools and the Urbana high school. He lived at home until his marriage, September 26, 1877, to Mary A. Harwood, of Springfield, Ohio. To this union four children were born: Blanche, who married Julius Luther, of Wilmington, Illinois; Nellie, wife of G. L. McCracken, of Youngstown, Ohio; Bertha, wife of T. E. Russell, of Urbana, Ohio, and Pearl, wife of Harry Pemberton, of New Vienna, Ohio. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Magrew moved to the home which they have since occupied, known as "The Ridge."

Lemuel Magrew has always been engaged in farming and stock breeding, in which he has been quite successful. He makes a specialty as a breeder of registered Jersey cattle and has a fine herd of the best in the country.

In his fraternal associations Mr. Magrew is a member of the Urbana Lodge No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past noble grand of that lodge and past chief patriarch of Champaign Encampment No. 29, Patriarchs Militant. He is also past chancellor of Magrew Lodge No. 433, Knights of Pythias, and a member of Westville Grange. His church affiliation is with the Universalist church, of Westville, and he is a trustee of that church. Politically, he is a Democrat. He served five years as school director of the township and was the prime mover in the proposition for the centralization of the schools, and it was largely through his efforts that this was accomplished.

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### JOSEPH C. THACKERY.

Joseph C. Thackery is one of the largest landowners in Champaign county. His farm consists of fourteen hundred and five acres, located in Mad River and Urbana townships. His residence is on this farm, rural route four, Urbana, Ohio. He was born on the place where he now lives, December 27, 1855, a son of John and Rachel (Hammon) Thackery, who were natives of England and Pennsylvania, respectively.

John Thackery was born in Yorkshire, England, May 26, 1818, and came with his parents to the United States, locating in Jackson township, Champaign county, Ohio. They were among the early settlers, locating in the woods where they built a log house and began the work of clearing out a farm, the father doing his full share in the arduous work incident to those pioneer times. John Thackery was a stone mason by trade and he worked

at his trade until he had accumulated fifty dollars to pay down on a tract of eighty acres of government land, which he purchased for one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. They lived and died in Jackson township. To John, Sr., and wife were born nine children, of whom John, Jr., was the first child.

Rachel Harmon was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she lived during her early years, and her parents came to this county when Rachel was a young woman. After her marriage, she and her husband settled on a farm which they rented. He died at the age of forty-six years. They had ten children, six of whom are living: Martha, single, living at Kings Creek, Ohio; Mary, wife of William Sunday, Kings Creek, Ohio; James, Broadway, Ohio; Alma, wife of S. C. Hovey, Urbana, Ohio; Minerva, wife of Joseph Overs, Urbana township; Joseph C., our subject. The family were members of the Baptist church, belonging to the Kings Creek congregation of that denomination. He was a Republican but took little part in political matters.

Joseph C. Thackery was only eight or nine years old when the death of his father occurred. His mother was left with a family of children, of whom our subject was the youngest. She kept them all together and they grew up on this place. The mother died in 1902. Joseph C. Thackery was married, July 1, 1890, to Margaret G. Stone, daughter of John T. and Maria (Eacott) Stone, the former of whom was born in Hamilton, Ohio, and his parents were natives of Virginia, coming from that state to Ohio. Mr. Stone spent his boyhood days around Hamilton, his birthplace. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served out the whole term of enlistment. Mrs. Stone was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1841, coming with her parents in wagons to Champaign county, Ohio, in 1853. Here she grew to womanhood and was married to John T. Stone at Hamilton, Ohio, March 31, 1864. After the death of the latter on January 5, 1867, Mrs. Stone and her daughter, now Mrs. Thackery, lived in Hamilton until 1876, when they came to Urbana. The daughter, Mrs. Thackery, was educated in the high schools of Urbana and Cincinnati, and later taught school in Champaign county and in the high school of Urbana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thackery eight children have been born, five of whom are living: Ruth E., wife of Harry S. Earsom, Urbana, Ohio; Ernest G., at home; Ralph H., in Springfield; John T., Champaign county, and Margaret S., in school.

Mr. Thackery, by previous marriage, to Minnie M. Elper, was the

father of two children: Mary R., wife of Mark Russell, of Columbus, Ohio; and James W., Mad River township, who is married and has two children, Joseph C., Jr., and Charlotte A.

Mr. and Mrs. Thackery are members of the Baptist church. She was born and reared in the Presbyterian church to which her people belonged. Mr. Thackery is a Republican in politics. He is a director in the Urbana Land and Lumber Company, also in the Urbana Furniture Company.

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### CHARLES T. BARGER.

Charles T. Barger, a farmer, of Concord township, Champaign county, is a young man, but is making good at his chosen life work. He has been content to spend his life in his native community, being born on the place where he still resides, May 31, 1891. He is a son of Jacob W. and Mary (Taylor) Barger. The father was also born on the farm now occupied by his son, Charles T., and the mother was born on a farm in Concord township, this county, and is now living in Urbana. Jacob W. Barger was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools in his community. He was a son of Matthew Barger, whose father came to Ohio from Virginia in pioneer days and entered a large tract of land from the government. The father, grandfather and great grandfather of the subject of this sketch all spent their lives on the same farm in Concord township, and here they each became successful farmers and highly respected citizens. Three children were born to Jacob W. Barger and wife, namely: Mabel, the wife of J. C. Baker, of Concord township, this county; Charles T., the subject of this sketch, and Ruth, wife of Orlie Brownfield, of Salem township. The death of the father occurred in March, 1911.

Charles T. Barger was reared on the homestead and he attended the district schools and the high school at Eris. He remained on the home farm until his marriage on July 17, 1916, to Clara Bodey, a daughter of John and Elna Bodey, of Millerstown, where Mrs. Barger was reared and attended school.

Mr. Barger owns eighty-eight acres in Concord township, but he is operating four hundred acres, and is thus engaged in farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He is paying particular attention to raising hogs and sheep and keeps a good grade of stock. No inconsiderable proportion of his income each year is derived from the judicious handling of



live stock. He has a comfortable home a half mile west of Eris. Politically, he is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of Khorassan. He is a member of the Methodist church at Concord.

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### L. E. WILLIS.

L. E. Willis, owner of the North Lewisburg Telephone Company and proprietor of an up-to-date garage at that place, is a native son of Ohio, and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Sabina, in Clinton county, June 28, 1865, son of W. E. and Jane Willis, both of whom also were born in Clinton county, and who in 1873 moved to Broadway, in Union county, where they still make their home. For some years after moving to Broadway, W. E. Willis had charge of a saw-mill there and during the Cleveland administration served as postmaster of that town. To him and his wife seven children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only one living in Champaign county.

Reared at Broadway, he having been but seven or eight years of age when his parents moved to that place, L. E. Willis received his schooling at that place and there learned the art of telegraphing. Upon completing the course in the high school he began working for the Erie Railway Company as a telegraph operator and in 1889 was stationed at Marion, this state, as the company's operator at that place. In 1891 Mr. Willis was transferred to Kennard, as agent for the Erie at that place, and was thus engaged there for ten years, or until 1901, in which year he moved to North Lewisburg and there became engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. Three years later he disposed of his business in that connection and set about promoting the organization of the North Lewisburg Telephone Company and establishing a telephone plant there. Mr. Willis was quite successful in that undertaking and succeeded in the construction of an admirable plant, which is now serving more than three hundred and seventy-five subscribers, and of which plant Mr. Willis is now sole owner and manager. In 1912 Mr. Willis engaged in the automobile business at North Lewisburg and erected a substantial and up-to-date garage, which he since has been conducting quite successfully. He is the local agent for the sale of the Maxwell car and is regarded as one of the best-known and most energetic automobile men in the county. Mr. Willis is a Democrat and ever since taking up his residence in this county has given his earnest and thoughtful

attention to local civic affairs. He is a member of the Champaign county election board and is a member of the board of trustees of the Champaign County Childrens' Home, in the affairs of which institution he takes a deep interest.

In December, 1891, L. E. Willis was united in marriage to Zora Collins, daughter of William Collins and wife, of Broadway, this state, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Burrill, who married Nela Bates and has one child, Klair; Alonzo, who married Madge Parrish, of Lawrence, Kansas, and Mary, Leahbelle and James. Mr. and Mrs. Willis have a very pleasant home at North Lewisburg and take a proper interest in the general social activities of their home town. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are active in church work, Mr. Willis being secretary of the official board of the church. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, past chancellor commander of the same, and has for years taken a warm interest in Pythian affairs.

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### HERBERT C. EVERHART.

Herbert C. Everhart, trustee of Union township and one of Champaign county's well-known and progressive young farmers, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Clark, son of John A. and Melissa Ann (Near) Everhart, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio, who later became resident of Champaign county, John A. Everhart becoming a substantial farmer in the Mechanicsburg neighborhood, where he spent his last days. His widow is now making her home at Catawba.

John A. Everhart was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and was a young man when he came to Ohio with his parents, Israel and Maria (Ropp) Everhart, also natives of the same county, the former born in 1811 and the latter in 1817. It was in the spring of 1861 that the Everharts came to this state and settled on a farm in the Catawba neighborhood, in Clark county, where Israel Everhart and his wife spent their last days, the former dying in 1883 and the latter some years later, she having been eighty years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of six children, further mention of which family is made elsewhere in this volume, John A. Everhart having had four brothers, William, Thomas, Edgar S. and George, and one sister, Matilda, the family becoming widely known in upper Clark county and in the eastern part of this county. Israel Everhart was

a building contractor at his old home in Virginia, but upon settling in Clark county became a farmer and followed that vocation the rest of his life. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant church and their children were reared in that faith.

Not long after taking up his residence in Clark county John A. Everhart married Melissa Ann Near, who was born in that county, a daughter of Mahlon and Nancy M. (McConkey) Near, substantial farming people of Clark county, whose last days were spent there and who were the parents of nine children, those besides Mrs. Everhart having been Jane, Sarah C. and Nancy E. (twins), Nathan O., Charles O., Mary and two who died in youth. After his marriage John A. Everhart continued to make his home in Clark county, being there engaged in farming until 1898, in which year he moved with his family to Champaign county and located on the Layton farm in Union township. Later he bought a farm one mile west of Mechanicsburg and there he continued farming the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1908, he then being sixty-eight years of age. His widow is now living at Catawba. John A. Everhart was a staunch Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant church. They were the parents of four sons, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Scott, who married Ida Taylor and is still living in Clark county, where he is engaged in farming; Warren, a farmer, of Union township, this county, who married May Meyers and has one child, a son, Otis, and Robert, also a Union township farmer, who married Emma Riddle and has one child, a daughter, Margaret Ann.

Reared on the farm, Herbert C. Everhart early became a practical farmer and upon completing his schooling, at the age of nineteen years, engaged in farming in partnership with his father on the home place west of Mechanicsburg and was thus engaged for several years, at the end of which time he became connected with the work in the grain elevator at Catawba. In the fall of 1914 Mr. Everhart located on the Michael farm, in Union township, this county, where he has since made his home and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Everhart raises some high grade live stock and is recognized as one of the progressive and up-to-date farmers of that neighborhood. He is an active Republican and for the past four years or more has been serving as trustee of Union township, giving his most thoughtful and intelligent attention to the duties of that important local office.

In the fall of 1902 Herbert C. Everhart was united in marriage to Bertha Michael, who was born in Union township, this county, daughter

of W. F. and Elizabeth Michael, natives of Maryland and both of whom are now deceased, and to this union four children have been born, Roger, deceased, Mildred, Marion and John. Mr. and Mrs. Everhart are members of the Buck Creek Presbyterian church and Mr. Everhart is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Mechanicsburg.

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### DAVID S. SPEECE.

David S. Speece, a member of one of the pioneer families of Champaign county and proprietor of a fine farm of three hundred acres in Harrison township, twelve miles northwest of Urbana, on rural mail route No. 2 out of that city, was born on a farm adjoining that on which he lives and has lived in that neighborhood all his life. He was born on June 11, 1854, a son of William and Elizabeth (McIntire) Speece, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families in that part of the county.

William Speece was a son of Peter Speece, who also was reared in Harrison township, a son of one of the first settlers in that neighborhood, his father having brought his family over here from Virginia in the early days of the settlement of Champaign county and established his home in the Millerstown neighborhood. Peter Speece's father was a native of Germany and for some time after coming to this county taught a German school near Millerstown. Peter Speece reared his family in Harrison township and later moved to Wells county, Indiana, where he spent his last days. His son, William Speece, grew up in Harrison township, married Elizabeth McIntire, also a member of one of the pioneer families of that neighborhood, and established his home in that same township, on a farm adjoining that on which David S. Speece now lives. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Thomas, also a resident of Harrison township; Sarah, wife of David Taylor; Samantha, wife of William Hoffman; Margaret, wife of H. Pyle, of St. Paris; William H., of Degraff; Etna, wife of J. M. Bargu, also of Degraff, and Rena, wife of L. A. Clark, of Concord township.

David S. Speece was reared on the old home farm in Harrison township, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood, and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant in the labors of improving



DAVID S. SPECK AND FAMILY





and developing the home place. When twenty-one years of age he began farming on his own account, renting a portion of the home acres, and after his marriage in 1880 established his home on the place on which he is now living, adjoining the old home place, and where he owns three hundred acres of well-tilled and profitably cultivated land. He has a fine house of twelve rooms and a basement, with a hot-water heating plant, which he erected in 1897, and the other buildings which go to make up his excellent farm plant are in keeping with the same. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Speece has for years given special attention to the feeding of live stock and has done very well in his operations, long having been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers and stockmen in that part of the county.

On September 26, 1880, David S. Speece was united in marriage to Margaret DeWeese, who was born in the neighboring county of Shelby in September, 1858, and to this union four children have been born, namely: William M., who married Catherine Carey and lives at Rosewood; Erma, wife of B. A. Phiniger, of Harrison township; Cora, wife of Fred Heiringer, of Urbana, and Frank T., who is at home assisting his father in the operation of the stock farm. Mr. and Mrs. Speece are members of the United Brethren church at Rosewood and Mr. Speece is a member of Rosewood Lodge No. 213, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has never been particularly active in political affairs, though ever giving a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, and has done his part in the general upbuilding of the community in which he has lived all his life.

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#### EMMET A. BODEY.

Among the younger farmers of Johnson township, this county, who have proved themselves progressive and scientific in their methods, is Emmet A. Bodey, who was born on the farm where he now lives, one and one-half miles west of Millerstown, on April 14, 1875. He is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Vincent) Bodey, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the father having been born in this county, and the mother in Logan county.

The Bodey family were among the early pioneer settlers of this part of Ohio, Adam Bodey, the father of Henry Bodey, coming to Ohio at an early date from Virginia. The family are of German descent. Henry Bodey and wife were the parents of six children, of whom four are now living: Henrietta, the wife of Charles Pence, residing in Washington; Lottie, deceased;

Anna V., of Redmond, Washington; Mary, deceased; Carl, a resident of Johnson township, and Emmet A., the subject of this sketch.

Emmet A. Bodey was born and reared on the farm just north of where he is living, which was a part of the old Bodey home place. He received his education in the rural schools of his home township, and at the age of sixteen, went to Oregon, where he was employed at farm labor for three years. At the end of that time he returned to Champaign county, remaining on the home place eighteen months, at the end of which time he again went West, his destination being Seattle, Washington. He secured employment in the lumber woods and was thus engaged for three years, during which time he acquired twenty acres of land in that state. Upon the death of his father he returned to Champaign county to take charge of the home farm, and has since lived there, carrying on general farming and stock raising.

Emmet A. Bodey has been twice married, his first wife having been Rosa Smith. To that union six children were born, only two of whom are now living, Mary and Dale, both of whom are living at home with their father. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Bodey married Ada Kautz, the daughter of Charles Kautz and wife, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Mr. Kautz and wife were the parents of three children, two of whom are now living, Harry, of Urbana, Ohio, and Ada, the wife of Mr. Bodey. Mr. Bodey is an independent voter. He is an up-to-date, progressive farmer, and ranks high in the esteem of his neighbors and friends.

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### WILL B. CROCKETT.

Will B. Crockett, a farmer, of Harrison township, this county, was born on September 23, 1864, on the farm where he now lives. He is a son of Newton I. and Rachel J. (Baker) Crockett, the former of whom was born on the farm where his son, Will B., now resides. The mother was born in Dayton, Ohio, a daughter of J. H. and Catherine (Altick) Baker. Her parents moved to Wabash, Indiana, when she was eight years of age, and there she grew to womanhood and married. She received a good education and taught school a number of years in Wabash county, Indiana. After his marriage Newton I. Crockett located on the farm where the subject of this sketch now lives, but three years later moved back to Wabash county, Indiana, where he died, in 1868, after which his widow brought her children to Champaign county and located on a farm in Harrison township, the old home

place. Later she married H. A. Crockett, a brother of her first husband. To her first marriage two children were born, namely: Olive A., the wife of J. M. Pittman, of Harrison township, and Will B., the subject of this sketch. The mother of these children is still living, being now well advanced in years.

Will B. Crockett grew up on the home farm, attended the district schools, and has spent his life in Harrison township, remaining on the old homestead, which he has kept well improved and well cultivated, and now owns one hundred and thirty-four acres of good land. On April 24, 1882, Mr. Crockett was married to Mary B. Lapp, who was born in Union township, Logan county, Ohio, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Yoder) Lapp, who make their home near West Liberty, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Lapp are parents of fourteen children, four sons and ten daughters, namely: Emma, the wife of Ezra Kauffman; Malinda, next in order of birth; Lydia, the wife of John Musser; Jacob, an architect, who lives in Dayton, Ohio; Fannie, the next child; Sadie, the wife of J. A. Zook; John H., who lives in New Philadelphia, Ohio; David A., who married Fannie Hartzler; Mary B., wife of the subject of this sketch; Catherine, the wife of A. F. Yoder; Alva, who married a Miss Auxbarger; Nellie, the wife of Edward Shoemaker; Celesta, the next in order of birth, and Saloma, the wife of George Harmon. Mr. Crockett is a Republican. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at St. Paris. His wife belongs to the Christian church at West Liberty.

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#### PROF. RAY D. CONRAD.

Prof. Ray D. Conrad, of Woodstock, one of the best-known members of Champaign county's efficient teaching force, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on September 20, 1888, son of Firman Oliver and Alberta (Collins) Conrad, both of whom are still living in this county. Firman Oliver Conrad was born on July 30, 1863, son of Howard and Amelia Jane Conrad, of American birth, and his wife was born at Tremont City, in the neighboring county of Clark; October 29, 1867, daughter of Margaret and Thomas Collins, also of American birth. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad have two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Nellie Pence, also a resident of Champaign county.

Ray D. Conrad was graduated from the Westville high school in 1907; from the Urbana high school in 1908, and from the Wittenberg Col-

lege at Springfield in 1914, receiving from the latter institution the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the spring of 1917 Wittenberg College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. Upon leaving high school Professor Conrad began teaching and has since been thus engaged, save for the period spent in completing his studies in college, his summer vacations from his teaching service in this county being spent as an instructor in the Culver Military Academy at Lake Maxinkuckee, in Indiana. The Professor is a stockholder in the Hermine Operating Company, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Politically, he is a Republican. By religious persuasion he is a Methodist and is affiliated with the church of that communion at Terre Haute, this county. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his connection being with the lodge of that order at Christiansburg.

On December 24, 1913, at Westville, this county, Prof. Ray D. Conrad was united in marriage to Abbie Keith, who also was born in this county, February 11, 1889, daughter and only child of Elbert Lewis and Mary Keith. Elbert Lewis Keith, who was born in 1849, died in 1902. His widow, who was born in 1852, is still living. Professor and Mrs. Conrad have two children, Dorothy Mae, born on October 16, 1914, and David, June 29, 1916. They have a very pleasant home at Woodstock and take an interested and helpful part in the general social and cultural activities of the community at large.

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### JOHN COWGILL.

John Cowgill, one of the careful farmers of Salem township, this county, was born on May 12, 1856, in the same locality where he now resides, and has been content to spend his life in his native county. He is a son of Thomas and Matilda Ann (Watkins) Cowgill, the former a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and the latter, of Logan county, this state. Thomas Cowgill was about six years old when his parents brought him to Champaign county. He was a son of Thomas and Anna Cowgill. The former was born in Frederick county, Virginia, July 27, 1777, and his death occurred in Champaign county, Ohio, September 14, 1846. His wife was born in Stafford county, Virginia, September 16, 1780, and her death occurred in Champaign county, Ohio, June 18, 1868. To Thomas and Anna Cowgill

eleven children were born, of whom Thomas, Jr., was the sixth in order of birth.

Thomas Cowgill, Jr., father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Salem township, this county, in 1811, grew to manhood amid pioneer conditions, attended the old-time schools here and assisted his father clear and develop a farm from the wilderness. When a young man he took up surveying and later practiced medicine, a country doctor of the old school, and became one of the most prominent and successful general physicians in Champaign county in his day and generation, practicing his profession here for many years. He became well-to-do and was owner of a large tract of valuable farming land. He was a man of many commendable personal characteristics, a fine example of a successful self-made man, and was popular throughout the county. His family consisted of but two children, of whom the subject of this sketch alone survives.

John Cowgill grew to manhood on the home farm in Salem township and received his education in the district schools. He has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising on a portion of the old homestead, but he has of late years not been as active as formerly. He married Doschia Slaughter, and to their union five children have been born, namely: Goldie Ruth, Pearl Mae, Mary Elizabeth, Doschia and John Henry. Mr. Cowgill is a Republican. He belongs to the Quaker church.

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### JOSHUA H. CLARK.

Joshua H. Clark, of Urbana, one of Champaign county's best-known farmers and former trustee of Salem township, who for the past seven or eight years has made his home in Urbana, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Urbana township on November 23, 1855, son of Jacob A. and Susanna (Swisher) Clark, natives of Virginia, who had come to this county in that same year and the latter of whom is still living, an old resident of Salem township.

Jacob A. Clark was the son of Isaac and Mary (Ambrose) Clark, also natives of Virginia, who drove through to Urbana some little time after their son Jacob had settled in this county and settled on a farm south of Urbana, later moving to the Cable neighborhood in Wayne township, where their last days were spent. Isaac Clark and wife were the parents of seven children, Joseph, Jacob A., Joshua, John, Peter, Harrison and Margaret.

It was in 1855 that Jacob A. Clark and wife, shortly after their marriage, came to this county from Virginia. For some time after coming here he lived on a rented farm and then bought a farm of one hundred and twenty-three acres in Salem township, where he established his home and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in May, 1901. His widow is still making her home on that farm, where she is very comfortably situated. To Jacob A. Clark and wife were born nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first born, the others being as follow: Gabriel, who married Minnie Gusness and is farming in Union township; Samuel, who married Lizzie McKee and is living at Cary, where he is engaged in carpentering; Eliza, who married John Powl and is now deceased; Jacob, who married Louise Nanceyhauser and is engaged in farming in the King's Creek neighborhood; Laura, wife of William Briggs, of Urbana; Della, deceased, who was the wife of J. E. Hougyshehl; Elmer, a carpenter and bridge builder, now living at Bluffton, Indiana, and Cora, wife of Griffith Fox, of Urbana.

Joshua H. Clark grew to manhood on the home farm in Wayne township, to which his parents had moved from Urbana township when he was a boy, and he received his schooling in the district school in that neighborhood. Being the eldest son he was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of developing and improving the home place and he remained at home until his marriage when twenty-six years of age, after which he began farming for himself on a farm on the Urbana and Cable pike, four miles northeast of Urbana, in Salem township, and there resided until he presently bought the Captain Diltz farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres, on the line between Urbana and Wayne township, and there remained for seven years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought ten acres of the Will Long estate in Salem township, where he made his home for eleven years, at the end of which time, in 1910, he moved to Urbana and has since been residing there in a house at 837 North Main street which he had bought in 1907, known then as the Jennings property, and where he and his wife are very comfortably situated. In addition to looking after the farming interests of his own place Mr. Clark has been farming his father's old home place for the past fifteen years or more and is doing very well. He is a Republican and during his residence in Salem township gave his earnest attention to local political affairs, serving for five years as trustee of that township. He also served for some time as a member of the school board in Wayne township during his residence in that township.

It was on July 20, 1882, that Joshua H. Clark was united in marriage



to Amanda Birks, who was born on a farm in Concord township, this county, a daughter of Adam and Hannah (Heller) Birks, the former of whom was born in Germany, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, and who upon coming to this country had proceeded on out to Ohio and after a sometime residence near West Liberty, had come to this county and located in Concord township, where he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1871. His widow survived him for twenty-eight years, her death occurring in 1899. They were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, of whom Mrs. Clark was the eighth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Henry, a mechanic, of Springfield, this state; Margaret, wife of Joseph Irestine, of Salem township, this county; Mary, deceased; William, a carpenter, living at Springfield; John, of Urbana; Frank, deceased; Charles, deceased, and Anna, of Urbana, who married William Pangle and after his death married Willard Stewart, who also is now deceased.

To Joshua and Amanda (Birks) Clark have been born two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of Grace Methodist Episcopal church at Urbana and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works of their home town, helpful in many ways in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare.

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### R. G. JOHNSON.

Although yet a young man, R. G. Johnson, who is teaching school at Cable, Champaign county, has won a large measure of success in one of the most exacting of professions and gives promise of accomplishing still greater good as an educator in the future.

Mr. Johnson was born in Union township, this county, December 14, 1889, a son of John W. and Sepha (Wooley) Johnson. The father grew to manhood on the farm in this county, and received his early education in the public schools of Union township. He began farming when a young man in Union township, continuing there in general agricultural pursuits until he was fifty years of age, when he moved to Wayne township, later locating in Cable, where he spent the rest of his life, dying in that village. His widow is still living, making her home at Urbana. To these parents two children were born, the subject of this sketch and Roy.

R. G. Johnson grew to manhood in Union township and received his

early education in the public schools of that township, and in the high school at Mechanicsburg, which latter he attended for a short time; then studied at Miami University, finishing his work there in 1910. During the year 1915 he attended Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, and is now planning to take a special course in that institution.

Mr. Johnson has been teaching since 1911. He taught his first term at the White school house in Union township, spending one year there; then taught two years at Middletown and two years at Mingo. At this writing, 1917, he is engaged in teaching at Cable, where he has been engaged for another year also. He has been very successful from the first as an instructor and now ranks among the popular teachers of Champaign county. He is a diligent student himself and keeps well abreast of the times in all that pertains to educational work. He has introduced many new and approved methods in the schools of which he has been in charge, and has been popular with both pupils and patrons.

On May 29, 1916, Mr. Johnson was married to Alice Black, a daughter of Edward and Jennie Black. Politically, Mr. Johnson is a Republican. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is past noble grand of the local lodge of that order. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### WILLIAM HANNA.

The biographies of enterprising men, especially good men, are instructive as guides and incentive to others. The examples they furnish of patient purpose and steadfast integrity, strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish, when they have courage and right principles to control their course of action. Such a man was the late William Hanna, one of the most progressive agriculturists and highly esteemed citizens of Champaign county, during the generation that has just passed.

Mr. Hanna was a scion of one of the sterling old pioneer families of the above named county, and he was born on the Hanna homestead west of Urbana, in Concord township, September 26, 1847. He was a son of Andrew and Rachael (Barber) Hanna, who were among the early settlers in Concord township. Andrew Hanna came here from Virginia when young. His wife's parents were also from Virginia, but she was a native of this township, where she grew to womanhood.

William Hanna married Margaret Barger, who was born on the old Barger farm a half mile west of Eris in Concord township, on the place where Charles Barger now lives. After their marriage William and Margaret Hanna settled on a farm on the line between Mad River and Concord townships, and there Mr. Hanna carried on general farming and stock raising in a successful manner until 1906, when he removed to the farm in Concord township on which his son, Walter W. Hanna, now lives. There he continued agricultural pursuits until 1910, when he went to Colorado, where he spent three or four years; then returned to Concord township and died here in June, 1916. His wife had preceded him to the grave in 1899.

To William Hanna and wife six children were born, three of whom are living at this writing, namely: Cleo V., the wife of John H. Abbott, a farmer of Concord township; Walter W., who was born on the line between Mad River and Concord township, December 21, 1882, resides on what is known as the old F. N. Barger farm in Concord township, and Benjamin E., who makes his home in Colorado.

In his earlier years William Hanna was a Republican, but in later life was not a biased partisan, being more of an independent voter. He took an active interest in public affairs all his life. He was one of the first members of Lodge No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Urbana. He and J. C. Thackery were the originators of the plan for dredging Mad river, and their efforts finally resulted in the accomplishment of this task, which proved to be a great advantage to the people of this section of the state. He took an abiding interest in whatever made for the development of his locality in any legitimate way. His wife belonged to the Concord Methodist Episcopal church.

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### JOHN TAYLOR'S FAMILY.

In the Baptist church at King's creek there is a beautiful memorial window sacred to the memory of John Taylor, an honored pioneer of Champaign county, who donated the land on which that church stands and whose efforts in behalf of a proper social order, in the days of the beginning of the settlement in that neighborhood had very much to do with the orderly establishment of the community on its present sound basis. John Taylor was one of the first settlers in that part of the county and one of the most influential factors in bringing about proper conditions there in the early days. A Virginian by

birth, he had been carefully reared and both he and his wife brought out here to the then wilderness fine ideas concerning the needs of a new community and it is undoubted that their influence in those early days had very much to do with the firm establishment of the King's Creek settlement.

John Taylor was born on March 11, 1769, a son of William and Mary (Buckels) Taylor, substantial residents of what then was Berks county, Virginia, now Jefferson county, West Virginia. He grew to manhood in that community and there married Catherine Orsborn, who was born on June 4, 1773. After his marriage he remained in that community until in the spring of 1804, when he came out into the then new state of Ohio, this state having just been admitted to statehood the year before, and established his home in Champaign county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. honored and useful pioneers, ever devoted to the common good. With them came seven children that had been born to them in Virginia and after taking up their home in this county three other children were born to them. All of these children grew to maturity and all married and had children save one, hence the Taylor family presently became one of the most numerous in this section, gradually growing with the succeeding generations, until now the progeny of this pioneer pair in this part of Ohio form one of the most numerously represented families hereabout.

It was in April, 1804, that John Taylor came over from Virginia into the new state of Ohio and settled on a farm in the immediate vicinity of King's Creek, in Salem township, this county. From Isaac Zanes, the white chief of the Wyandots, he bought there a section of land containing six hundred and forty-three and eight hundredths acres and on that practically unimproved tract established his home and spent the rest of his life. He later bought from the government the west quarter of section 8, township 5, range 12, his deed to the same being signed by James Monroe, President of the United States, July 13, 1819. He also bought other lands hereabout and in time became the owner of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight acres of land, giving to each of his children a quarter of a section of land before he died. A practical miller, John Taylor had brought out here with him upon coming from Virginia, the machinery for a grist-mill and at King's Creek he set up the first grinding-mill in that section, his mill early becoming the central point for the settlers for miles about. He also erected a tannery and saw-mill and as the head of these three industries performed an admirable service in the new community. He and his wife were ardent Baptists and upon the organization of a congregation of that communion at King's Creek he donated to the

congregation the tract of land on which the church stands to this day and also a tract for cemetery purposes. In that cemetery his body was laid away after his death on August 21, 1825, and in the handsome church edifice which now marks the site of the first primitive church building he helped to erect, there is a beautiful memorial window testifying to John Taylor's distinctive service in behalf of the church. His wife had preceded him to the grave several years and she was buried in the old cemetery at Urbana. When the family desired to have her remains removed to the cemetery at King's Creek, after John Taylor had donated a tract for such purpose, her grave could not be satisfactorily identified and her body still lies in its original resting place, though the monument erected at John Taylor's grave just northwest of the church at King's Creek bears her name as well as his.

As noted above John and Catherine (Orsborn) Taylor were the parents of ten children, these children, in order of birth, being named William, David, Mary, Samuel, Levi, Margaret, Thomas, Ruhama, Blanche and Elizabeth, or "Betsy." William Taylor married Elizabeth Morgan and had nine children. David Taylor married Ann Hendricks and had two children. Mary Taylor married Archibald Magrew and had ten children. Samuel Taylor was married three times and was the father of seven children. His first wife, Sarah Phillips, was the mother of five children, four of whom grew to maturity. His marriage to Rachel Gray was without issue. His third wife, Susan Reynolds, was the mother of two children. Levi Taylor, who was born in Virginia on March 24, 1800, and who was therefore but four years of age when his parents settled in this county, grew up here and on June 16, 1825, married Mrs. Sarah Lowery, born Chamberlain. Of the ten children born to that union but four lived to maturity, John, Sarah Ann, Elias and Job, all of whom married. Sarah Chamberlain was thrice married, her first union having been contracted in Cayuga county, New York, with Robert Worden, who died two years later, leaving one child, a son, Alvin Worden, who was born in that same county. After the death of her husband the Widow Worden moved with her parents to Indiana and at Lawrenceburg, that state, she married John Lowery, afterward coming to this state and locating at Urbana, where, after the death of Mr. Lowery, she married Levi Taylor. Margaret Taylor married Timothy Powell and had eight children. Thomas Taylor married Lucy Chamberlain and had nine children. Ruhama Taylor, who did not marry, made her home during the later years of her life with her younger sister, Blanche, who married John Miller and had six children. The last-born child of John Taylor, Elizabeth, or "Betsy" Taylor, married Charles Mathes and had two children.















